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Ray, who collected that sparkling array in
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would be great to complete the set. But that's
really 'Roy of the Rovers' stuff."

The England goalkeeper believes that the
Spurs defence will be on top of their game
when they meet Ajax of Holland in the first
round next week.

"I said after the Charity Shield match
against Villa it would take about four weeks
before the defence and I got used to each
other. That means we'll be ready for Europe."

**Ray Clemence talks
about his new
challenge at Spurs . . .
and his 'Roy of the
Rovers' dream!**

"Apart from club skipper Steve Perryman,
the other members of the back four —
Graham Roberts, Paul Miller and Chris
Hughton — are relatively inexperienced.

"I'm sure that I can help them and advise
them of what to expect," said Ray.

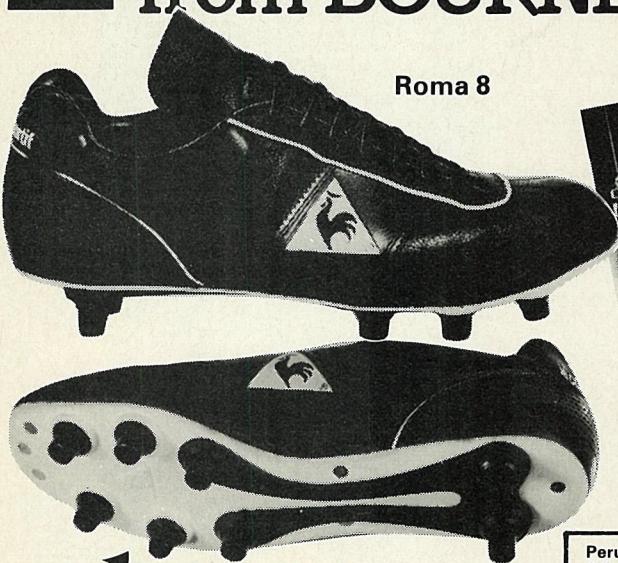
And there'll be no shortage of conversation
from the Spurs goal this season. Ray admits
his new team-mates could have sore ears by
the end of the campaign.

"I'll be telling them where I want them so
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he added.

Ray spoke of the new challenge that has



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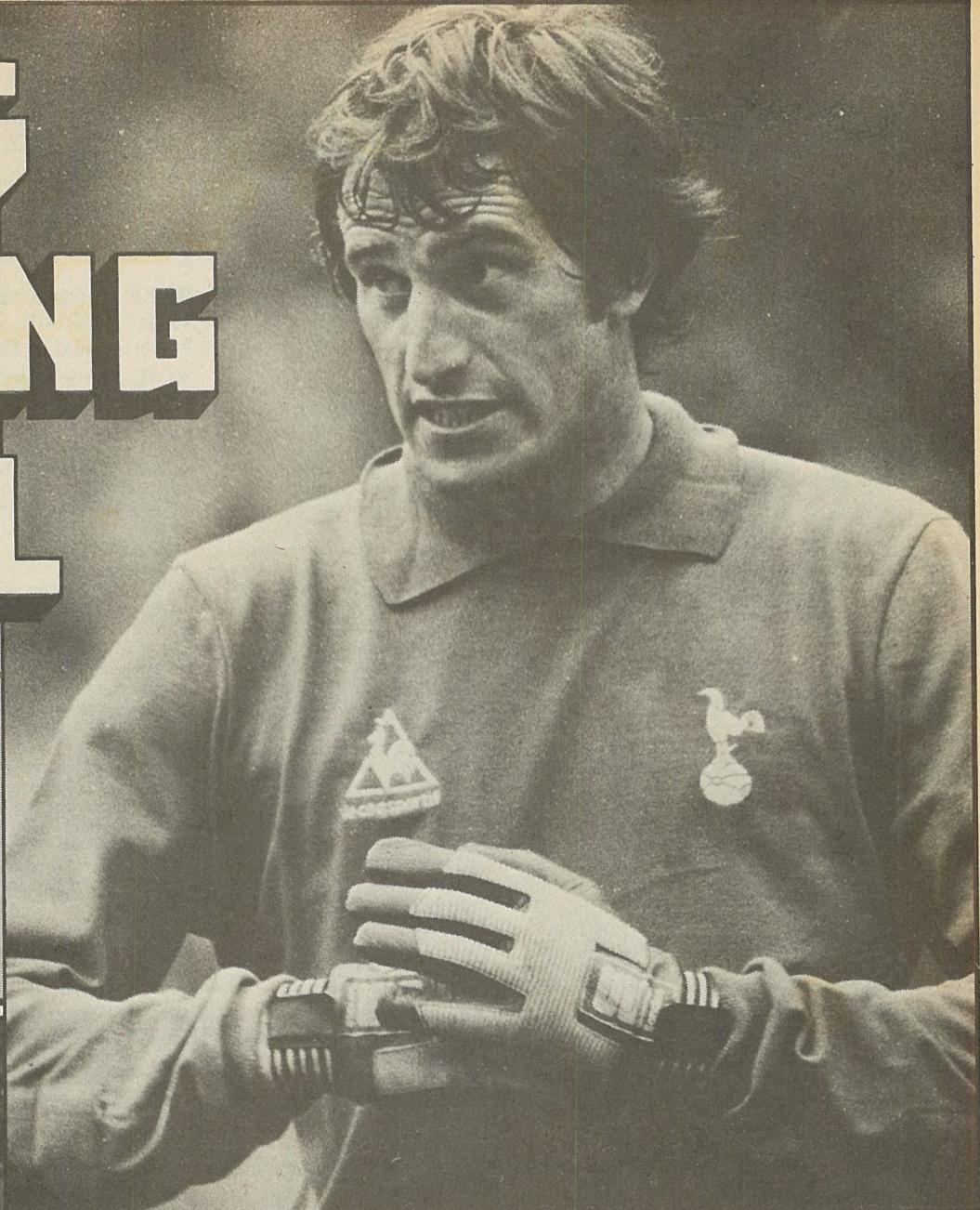
"With so much success at Anfield it became more difficult for me to motivate myself. I needed a new challenge."

But he assured Spurs fans that he has not arrived at White Hart Lane just to play out the rest of his career.

"I still want to win things and there's tremendous potential at Spurs to do just that," said Ray, who cost the club £300,000.

Ray has signed a three year contract which will take him to 36-years-old, but the keeper hopes to be playing long after that.

"I want to play till I'm 40 and as long as I can steer clear of injuries there's no reason why I shouldn't achieve that aim."



• Spurs new goalkeeper Ray Clemence — turned his back on Liverpool after 14 glory years.

Left: Disaster debut day for Clemence. Ray misses this cross in the Charity Shield at Wembley and Peter Withe nips in to score for Villa. The England keeper believes he and the defence will be knitted in time for Europe.

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Editor



Above: Birmingham's David Langan. He and Frank spent a week on trial at Old Trafford when they were schoolboys — and both were rejected!

'I never saw my

MANCHESTER UNITED's new £900,000 striker Frank Stapleton wanted to start the new season abroad with a top continental club.

The Eire international admitted that he'd expected to follow his former Arsenal team-mate Liam Brady out of English soccer.

"I had set my sights on a foreign club and was disappointed when none of the top clubs came in for me.

"Following reports in the press I thought some of the Italians or Germans might come in with a bid," admitted the 26-year-old.

"When my contract expired at Arsenal I didn't see my future in England," he added.

But Frank hit out at claims he'd held Arsenal to ransom with extravagant wage demands.

"There were a lot of reports flying about that I was asking Arsenal for much more money, but that's just not true. I never asked for anything.

"As I was at the end of my contract I was entitled to listen to offers. I let each interested club make their bid and then went home and considered each one very carefully.

"I'd be lying if I said money

EIRE international striker Frank Stapleton talks to Match of his big money move to Manchester United and tells of his desire to play a top foreign club... read the top names only in MATCH.

didn't come into it, but that wasn't the main consideration.

"It would have been easy for me to have stayed at Arsenal — but after nine years I felt I wanted a new challenge.

"I had stayed at Highbury I would never have known if I was right or wrong to move — at least I've tried," Frank continued.

And with offers from Liverpool and Man. Utd as well as Arsenal, Frank describes his decision as 'The most important of my career'.

"As soon as I became available I met both Liverpool and United, but the management at Anfield didn't follow up their original inquiry until it was too late.

"By the time they came back into the reckoning everything was signed and sealed with United," he explained.

However he's sure that he's made the right move to Old Trafford and is looking forward to

spearheading United's assault on the First Division title.

"New manager Ron Atkinson is ambitious and wants to win things. I hope I can help him achieve some success."

Frank hopes that the Old Trafford fans won't expect too much from him too soon.

"It will take me a while to settle down and get used to United's style of play but I'm looking forward to it."

United could have signed the striker when he was 16 but they sent him back to Ireland after a week's trial.

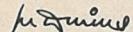
"They could certainly have got me a lot cheaper," joked Frank. "But they do say you have to pay for your mistakes."

"I went over to Old Trafford with Birmingham's David Langan but neither of us were accepted. There were so many other good youngsters around at the time."

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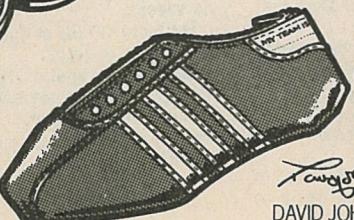
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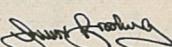
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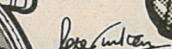


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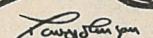
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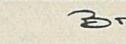



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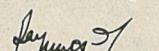

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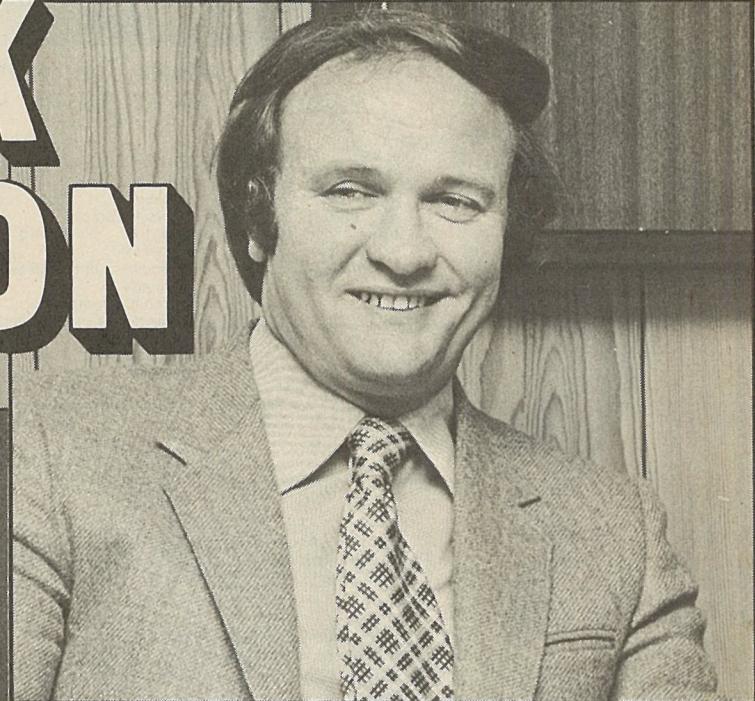
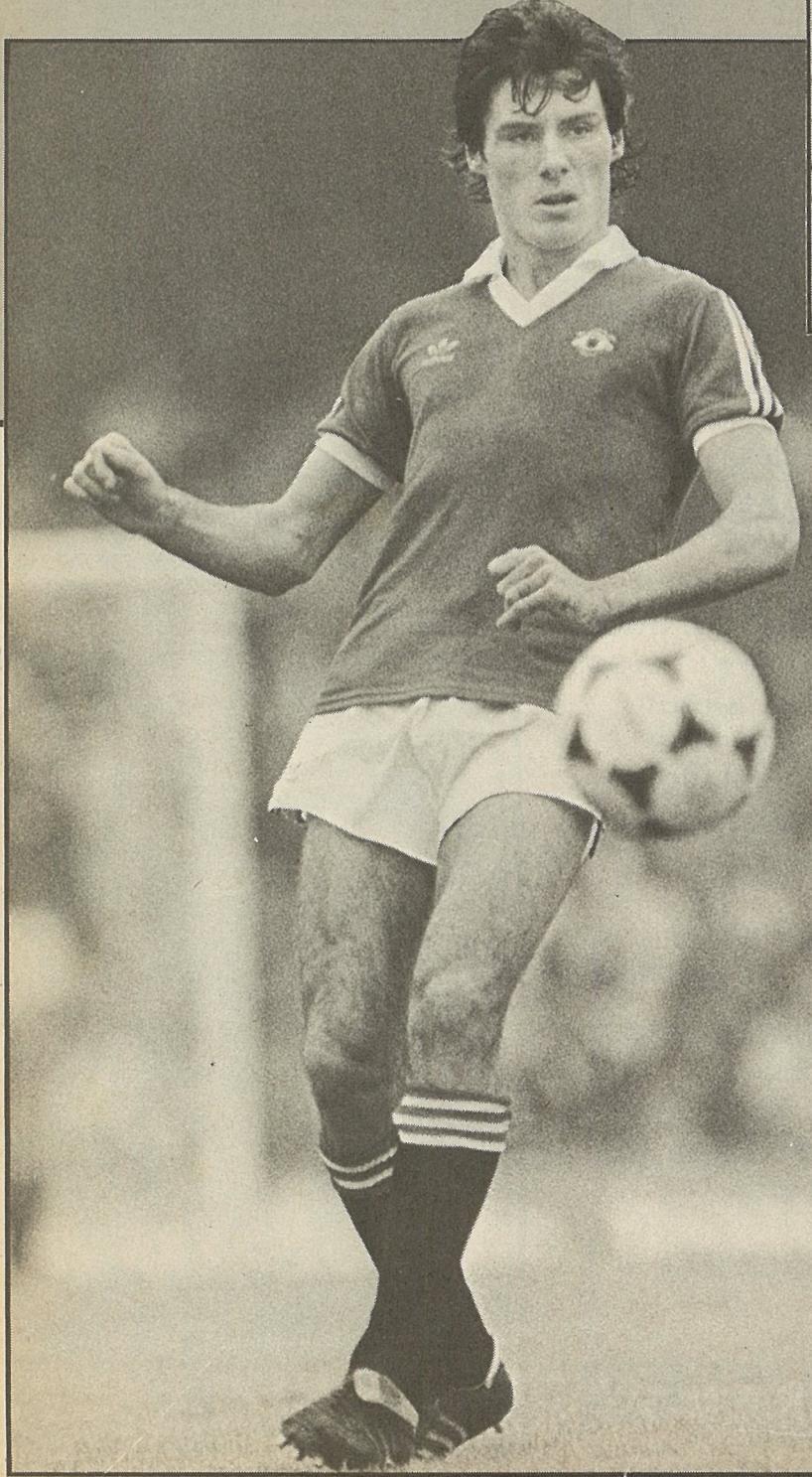
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Left: Man. United's new striker Frank Stapleton on his League debut at Highfield Road against Coventry.

Above: New Man. Utd manager Ron Atkinson. "He's so ambitious," says Frank.

My boyhood dream come true

SIGNING for Manchester United was the realisation of a boyhood dream for Frank Stapleton.

The Dublin born player admits: "When I was at school Manchester United were the only team for me — and they still have a special appeal."

The only blot on the signing was the time it took the whole deal between Arsenal and United to go through.

"Because the two clubs couldn't agree a fee it meant an independent tribunal would have to fix the price and that meant an agonising wait.

"It was a worrying time for me but I accept that it's the system I have to abide by."

And United must be rubbing their hands with glee after the tribunal's decision. For they got a

striker of international standing for £900,000 — and it was reported that Arsenal wanted close on £2m.

"It does seem that United got the better deal," admits Frank. "But that's got nothing to do with me.

"My only concern is to do well with my new club. I won't suffer any extra pressure because of the size of the fee," he added.

"The newspapers always make a big issue out of the pressure big money players are supposed to be under.

"But I don't believe it. The fee wasn't decided by me and that sort of thing doesn't have anything to do with the players. It's a matter between clubs concerned."



I started my League career with Watford. Now turn to page 11 for the next clue.



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I AM already convinced that this season will be my best ever for scoring goals in the First Division.

I managed to score 11 goals last season as a midfielder coming forward to support the attack.

But this season I will be playing as an out-and-out striker. And I am already confident that I will beat my previous best of 13 League goals, set with Liverpool before I left them to play in Germany with Hamburg.

It's the first time I have played right up front like this and I am looking forward to the challenge.

I got off to a great start in my new role by scoring in the opening game of the season at Nottingham Forest.

Steve Williams played a good ball up to me and I managed to turn past my marker and round Peter Shilton before shooting into the empty net.

It felt great to score in the very first game of the season . . . and particularly against such a great goalkeeper as Peter.

Although we eventually lost that game 2-1, the Saints played very well and I felt we should have come away with something.

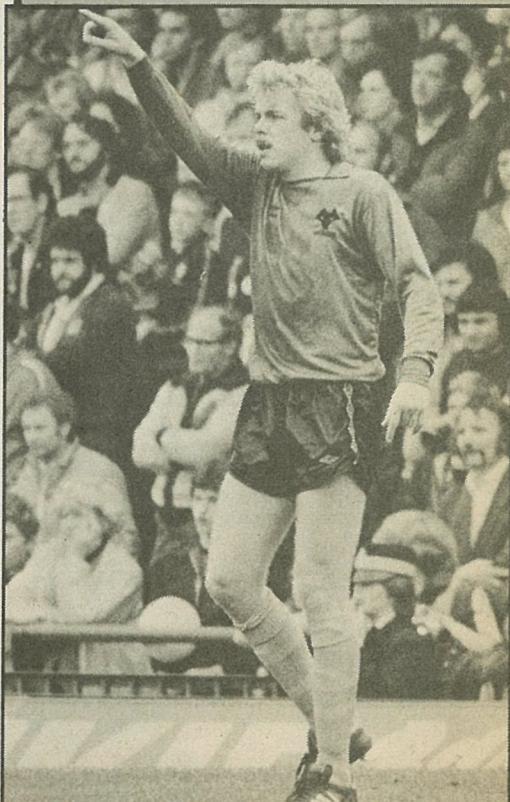
In my column in the August 29 issue of Match Weekly I tipped Forest to win something this season. After playing them I stick by my prediction, though I don't think they will win the League.

Another team to impress me is Wolves, who we played in our second game of the season. It was a great game for me because I scored another goal and we really gave our fans something to cheer in our first home match by running out 4-1 winners.

Despite the scoreline, Wolves were very good.

They are going to beat a lot of teams this season and I can see how they beat Liverpool

Paul Bradshaw of Wolves . . . a goalkeeper I like. He made some great saves against us at the Dell.



be my best season for goals

predicts Match columnist

KEVIN KEEGAN

on the opening Saturday.

With a player the calibre of John Richards on the substitutes' bench they can't be badly off. I particularly like the 'keeper Paul Bradshaw, who made some great saves — especially in the second half.

Joe Gallagher, their new £350,000 signing from Birmingham, has toughened them up at the back, although their other new signing, Alan Birch from Chesterfield, didn't seem to get going and was taken off.

Alan scored a lot of goals for Chesterfield but he will need time to settle and, to be fair, in our game he didn't get much service.

Our own new signing, David Armstrong, played his first game against Wolves after being unavailable through illness the previous Saturday . . . and what a great debut it was.

David has definitely added something to the team.

Another debut boy was young Mark Whitlock, who had the unenviable task of marking that fiery Scots striker, Andy Gray.

They don't come much tougher than Andy, but Mark did his job well and I'm sure he's a name to watch out for in the future.

Playing up front with me is Steve Moran and I was particularly pleased to see him score his first of the season against Wolves.

Steve exploded on to the First Division last season with 18 League and 3 FA Cup goals. But the question everyone is asking is: 'Can he do it again now that defenders know what he is capable of?'

I really believe he can. This season will be a real test of character for him but Steve is a fighter. He gives everything he has and he is a very good finisher. Hopefully we can help each other get among the goals.

Going on the early results, it's going to be a very interesting season. While champions Aston Villa lost their first two games and Liverpool managed only one point out of the first six, First Division newcomers Swansea

proved they really mean business with two emphatic victories.

The success of Swans boss John Toshack hasn't really surprised me. Of all the people I have played with he is the one I fancied most to make a good manager.

He is ambitious, knows exactly what he wants and he can handle people well. He knows the pressures in the top flight and I think he bought well before the start of the season.

Bob Latchford was a good example. I always found Bob good to play with for England and it is nice to see him doing well again at his new club.

Bob played only 18 First team games for Everton last season but after his four goals in Swansea's first two games the £150,000 fee looks a real give-away.

Of course, it is early days yet and I doubt that Swansea will be able to maintain their fantastic start.

Having said that, I remember people saying the same thing about Nottingham Forest when they came up from the Second Division in 1977 — and they went on to win the Championship!

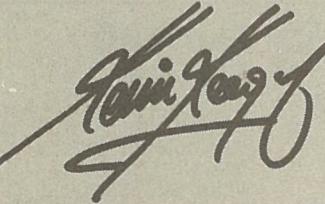
One thing's for sure in my mind . . . they won't be struggling to stay up, simply because they are better than some of the other teams.

I am just happy that we don't have to play them in our first half dozen games. That's when they are going to be hardest to beat.

The same goes for Notts County, who silenced all their critics with a 1-0 win at Aston Villa on the opening day.

And who would have put money on West Ham putting four past Spurs in their second game of the season at White Hart Lane!

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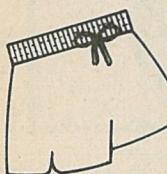
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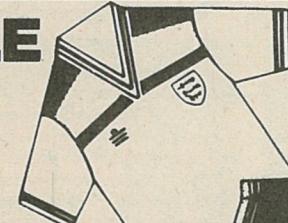
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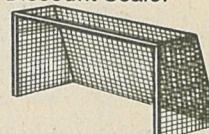
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ONE of the surprise omissions from the quarter finals of the new Group Cup is First Division newcomers Notts County. They could only finish third in the section topped by Fourth Division Peterborough after losing to the winners and Norwich. The quarter-final draw is: Burnley v Watford, Bradford v Shrewsbury, Peterborough v Wimbledon, Newport v Grimsby. The matches are to be played in the week commencing December 7.

Tight for the 'Tigers'

HULL City players, with the exception of one, have taken a pay cut and even manager Mike Smith has had his salary trimmed.

Says the former Wales manager: "Everyone must share the blame for our decline."

Hull were relegated to the Fourth Division last season for the first time in their history.

The one outsider is top scorer Keith Edwards who is on a weekly contract: "I'm scoring goals so I'm worth a rise," he says.

Match Chat

Brady's reminder

JUVENTUS star Liam Brady (pictured right) gave his former Arsenal colleagues a reminder of his talents in the recent prestige friendly in Italy.

The Eire skipper scored both goals for the Italian champions in the 2-2 draw, and Brian Talbot did likewise for the Londoners.

Kamara out — Williams in

THIRD Division Portsmouth have spent £50,000 on Swindon skipper Chris Kamara — just four years after selling him to the County Ground for just £17,000!

Swindon manager John Trollope immediately spent all but £10,000 of the money to buy Blackpool full back Gary Williams.

Goal-starved Annfield!

SCOTTISH Second Division club Stirling, who recently made the Guinness Book of Records after 14 games without a goal, are hoping to provide their goal-starved fans with something to shout about this season.

They lost their opening home match of the season 1-0 to Forfar in the League Cup, which meant they hadn't scored in front of their home fans since New Year's Day against Ayr ... and that was a penalty.

Ironically, Stirling's home ground is called Annfield, which is the only comparison which can be drawn with European Champions Liverpool.

DAVE'S LAST POST!



Milburn's memoirs

JACKIE Milburn and Newcastle United have been synonymous in the minds of thousands of soccer fans since the early 1950s, when, in three dazzling FA Cup finals at Wembley, he revealed himself as one of the most exciting goalscorers they had ever seen.

He played his last game for Newcastle in 1957, but he has remained closely involved with the club ever since.

And now he has produced a souvenir scrapbook of his days with Newcastle called simply: "Jackie Milburn's Newcastle United Scrapbook".

It's packed with unusual photographs and a host of personal memories written by a legendary Geordie figure whose name has been associated with Newcastle United for nearly forty years.

The book is published by Souvenir Press and is priced £6.95 (hardback) and £4.95 (paperback).

FORMER Fulham defender Dave Moreline, who was given a free transfer at the end of last season by Third Division Reading, has quit football to become a postman.

The 30-year-old player has taken over the postman's duties in the Berkshire village of Southend and he has no regrets about turning his back on soccer.

"When I had a knee operation at the end of 1977 I was told I wouldn't play again, so the last three years have been something of a bonus," he says.

"I could have played on, but with unemployment as it is I decided it was best to get a job now."

Arsenal finally give in

ARSENAL — in the past the staunchest opponents of football sponsorship — have finally given in.

For the next three seasons the famous 'Gunners' will be sponsored by video and hi-fi equipment manufacturers JVC and will wear the company's initials on their shirts.

Arsenal chairman Denis Hill-Wood said: "I have always been dead against it, but now I realise Arsenal must take advantage of every single economic proposition put towards us.

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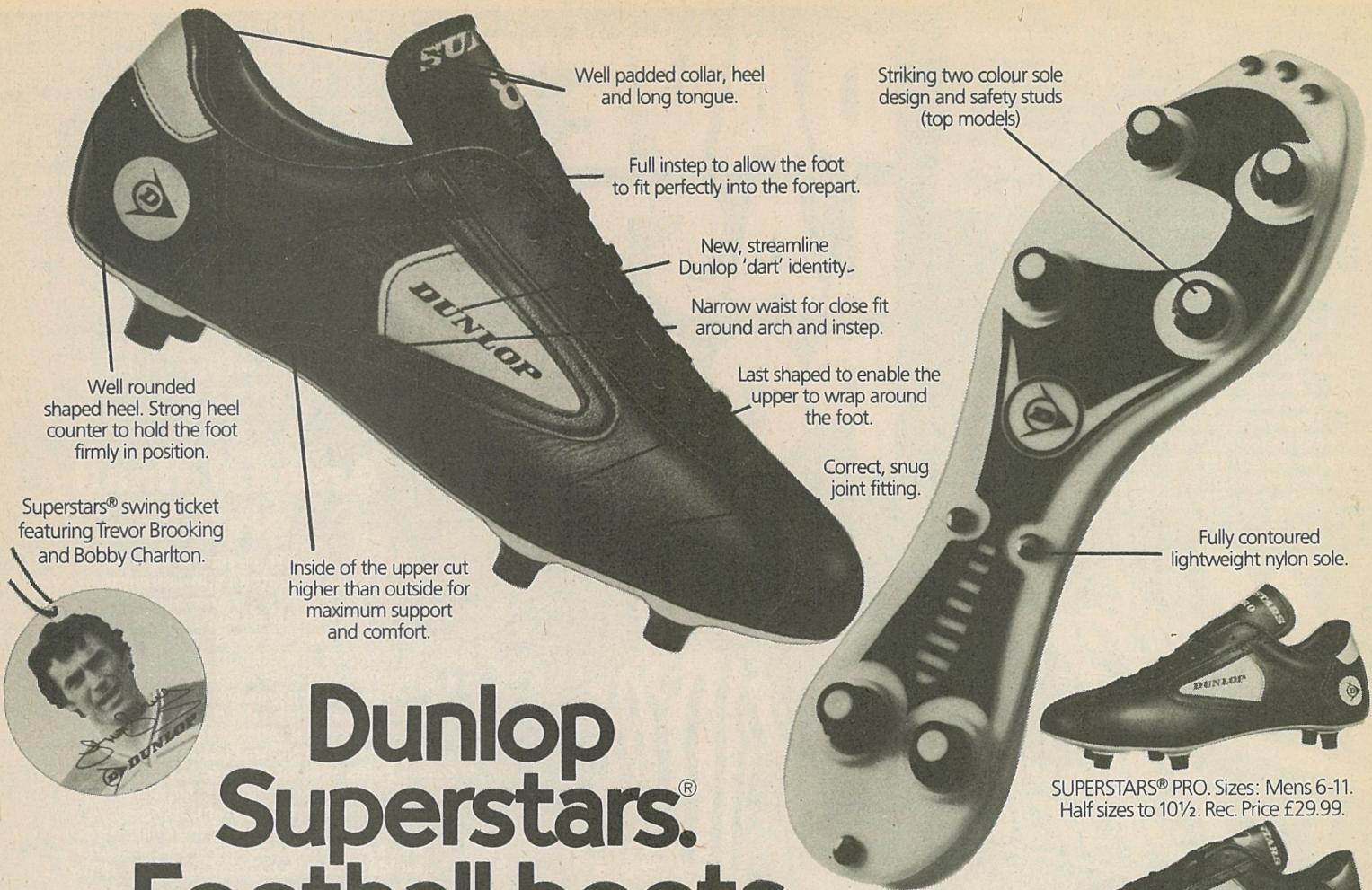
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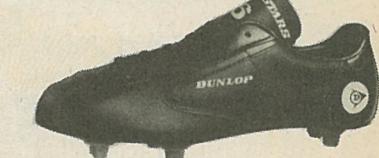
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'Forest were made for me'

JUSTIN Fashanu thinks he was made for Nottingham Forest — and they feel the same about him.

The 20-year-old Young England striker signed for Forest on the eve of the season as football's youngest £1m man.

But Forest manager Brian Clough is in no doubt that Fashanu has the ability to develop into a full international.

He revealed: "It was a hectic time for Justin after he joined us at Forest, but the young man settled in remarkably quickly.

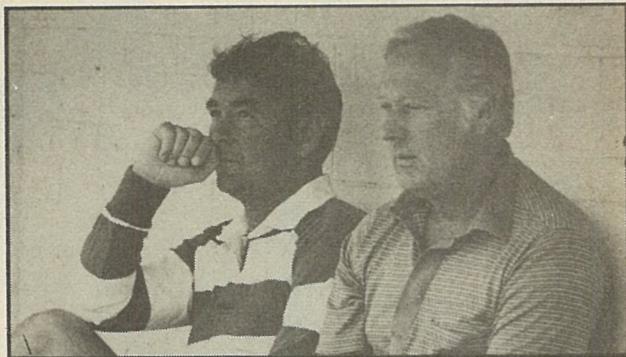
"When I signed him I knew all about his qualities, but I must admit I was a little bit concerned about his distribution. I've got no doubts now!

"In our opening games he was taking the ball on his chest, controlling it and laying it off in one movement as if it was the most natural thing in the world.

Match turns the spotlight on Justin Fashanu, of the £1 million-pound brigade.

"I'm looking forward to working with him for the next 10 years and I'm sure that Forest and England have got something really special in him."

Above: Forest boss Brian Clough watches his new signing from the dug-out on opening day: "Forest and England have something really special in Justin," he says.



Justin Fashanu in action for Forest: "There's no doubt that Brian Clough is a winner and I like to feel I am a winner too."

WHO AM I?

I made my England debut against Northern Ireland in 1972. Now turn to page 19 for the next clue.

Justin, who admitted it was a wrench to leave the homely atmosphere of Carrow Road to move to the big-time with Forest, is enthusiastic about the challenge ahead.

He said: "I feel as though Forest were made for me. They remind me in a lot of ways of the Norwich set-up that I was used to but left behind to further my career.

"There was never any kick and rush at Norwich. We were always encouraged to play football and create our moves from the back.

"With due respect to the players at Carrow Road it's just the same at Forest only I'm now surrounded by top class stars.

Big names

"Being with Forest is just like being with an England squad — there are so many big names around the place and I feel sure we are going to be a force this season.

"Although we are not in Europe it didn't really bother me when it came to making up my mind about a move even though there were a number of clubs interested.

"When I met Brian Clough I was impressed with what he had to say and there's no doubt he's a winner. It's a feeling that rubs off on those around him and I like to think I'm a winner too.

"When I heard that Forest were interested I had a word with Martin O'Neill who was at Norwich at the time and he had nothing but good to say about the club and management.

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Schuster and Stielike out

GERMAN stars Bernd Schuster and Uli Stielike have both been ruled out of West Germany's vital World Cup clash with Poland next month because of club commitments in Spain.

Schuster is wanted by Barcelona for the Rexach jubilee game and Stielike by Real Madrid.

Right: West German star Ulrich Stielike.

'Show-off' Rummenigge upsets Bruges

WEST German star Karl-Heinz Rummenigge upset some of the Bruges players with the way he scored a goal in Bayern Munich's recent 4-0 win against the Belgians in a French tournament.

A ball came across the face of the goal with the Bruges keeper stranded on the ground.

The blond striker could have easily sidefooted the ball home, but instead he flicked it into the air before heading it in.

Everyone was amused except the Bruges players, but Rummenigge said afterwards:

"The spectators have to pay very much to watch the game, so they have the right to be amused a little."



Fun-time Fiji lose

their boss

TINY Fiji were in a holiday mood during their World Cup qualifying games in Australia and New Zealand — which probably accounts for their 10-0 and 13-0 defeats!

Their manager, English migrant Wally Hughes, was so disgusted by their attitude that he quit after the 10-0 thrashing in Australia.

But he was summoned to the team's motel before the New Zealand game because the players refused to leave after five of the squad had been kicked out for drinking instead of training.

Said Wally: "After we had drawn with Indonesia, the players didn't

want to play any more.

"They were in holiday mood and wanted to relax like the managers.

"They threw the game in Australia, and in Auckland it was an absolute disgrace."

Fischer on target

KLAUS Fischer is well on the way back to the top.

The injury-prone West German star has been in good scoring form for Cologne.

He scored twice on his return in a practice game in which he showed up well with team mates Klaus Allofs and Littbarski.

WORLD CUP

'82

Menotti wants Bertoni back

ARGENTINA's World Cup star Daniel Bertoni has received a letter from national team boss Cesar Luis Menotti that could give him a problem.

The chain-smoking coach wants the scoring winger back from his Italian club Florence in time to join the

Scrapbook

full World Cup preparations in April.

And he says he doesn't care if Florence, who also include Italian midfield star Giancarlo Antognoni in their team, are running for the title or not.

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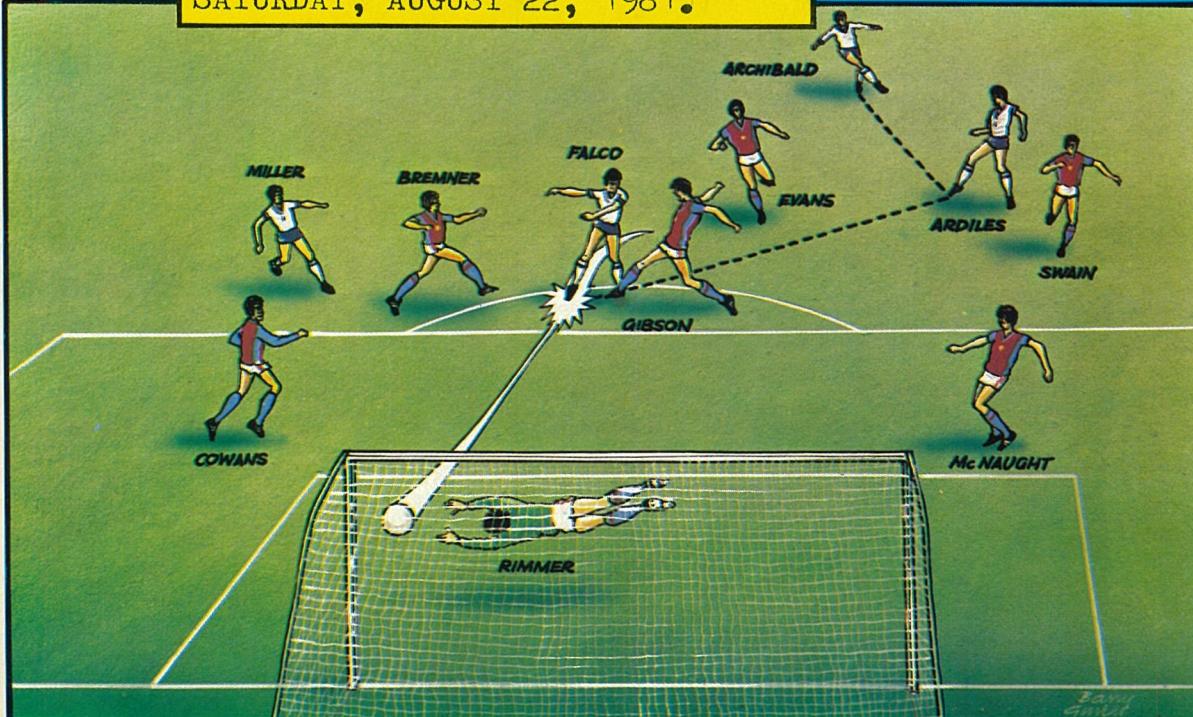


FALCO'S RIGHT ON TARGET

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WEMBLEY wonder kid Mark Falco has found another use for his right foot — scoring goals!

The 20-year-old Spurs reserve admitted after scoring his thrilling first goal at Wembley: "I'm a natural left footer — I'd always considered my right foot was good for just standing on.

Mark, who scored both Spurs goals in their 2-2 Charity Shield draw with Villa, recalled:

"Ossie Ardiles played the ball to me on the edge of the box. I had my back to goal so I controlled it with my left foot, swung round and hit it with my right.

"It must rate as the best goal I've ever scored," said Mark, who took the place of injured Garth Crooks in the Spurs line-up.

It wasn't certain that the former England Youth international would play — a groin strain put him on the doubtful list until a day before the big match.

"I had intensive treatment throughout the week," said Mark, who sat on the substitute's bench and watched his team win the FA Cup Final last season.

Mark hopes his two goal Wembley performance will help establish him in the Spurs team.

"At the moment I'm just a squad player who comes in when others are injured. I've got to try and establish myself as a first team regular."

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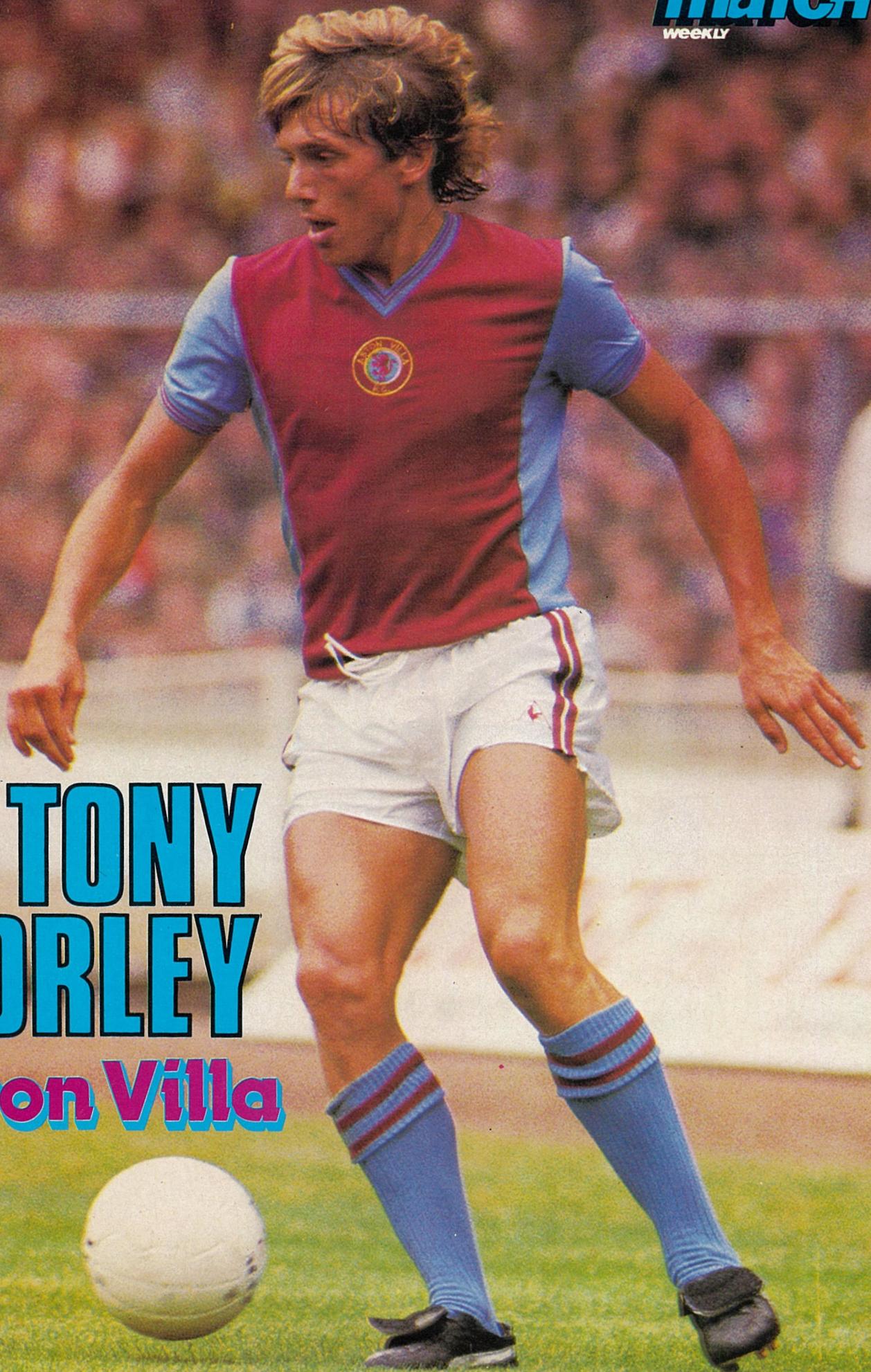
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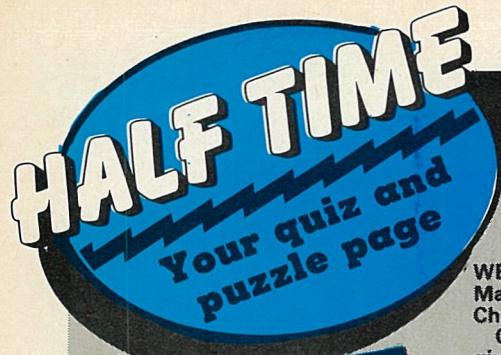


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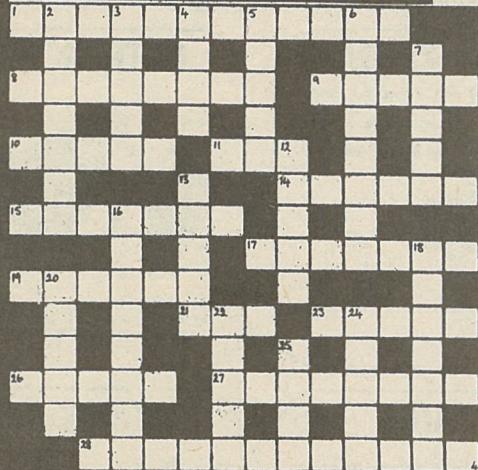
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"I started my career with my home-town club who I saw win the League Cup in 1972."

SOCCKERWORD

Across

1. Division Three club (12)
2. 'Mr R. Stein' (anagram) — a club which 14 across also played for (2,6)
9. Nickname of the club appearing in Division One for the first time this year (5)
10. There are two penalty ones (5)
11. The first name of the England manager ten years ago (3)
14. Former Arsenal, Manchester United and Scotland centre-half (3,3)
15. — Lee, popular former England forward (7)
16. Billy Wright made a world record — consecutive appearances for England (7)
19. Fulham fans flock to — Cottage (6)
21. — Ellis played for Sheffield Wednesday, Mansfield, Lincoln and Watford (3)
23. What every team except the one at the top of the table can do! (5)
26. George — has twice been manager of Halifax (5)
27. A club — players it no longer requires ... (8)
28. ... and places them on the — (8,4)



Down

2. It follows Tottenham! (7)
3. Compulsory part of a player's (except a goalkeeper's) strip (5)
4. Heighway and Hughton have played for this country (4)
5. The most important cup match (5)
6. 'Alec Wren' (anagram) — a former Liverpool and Scotland keeper (8)
7. Gerry Hitchens played for — Milan after leaving Aston Villa (5)
12. They're imposed on players who break club rules (5)
13. Millwall's nickname (5)
16. Month in which all four British countries play their last World Cup qualifying match (7)
18. Portland —, the NASL club (7)
20. Bristol City's badge bird (5)
22. The 1978 World Cup Final was played in Buenos — (5)
24. Manager whose team topped Division Two last season (5)
25. One of Peterborough's colours (4)



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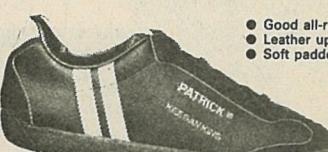
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experienced at Liverpool — when we felt unbeatable. Much of that was to do with the way manager Jack Charlton ran things.

Middlesbrough's shock FA Cup defeat on my debut at Plymouth the previous season had signalled the end of manager Stan Anderson . . . and the arrival of 'Big' Jack.

Stan resigned his job at Ayresome Park just a month after signing me from Spurs and England trainer Harold Shepherdson was appointed caretaker manager until the end of the 1972-73 season.

Jack was a surprise selection as manager because he stepped straight into the job after hanging up his boots at Leeds.

And the players really knew it when he arrived!

Jack, who's now at Sheffield Wednesday, is a very demanding manager — he lets his feelings be known and he's not scared to tell players off.

He laid down what he expected and that's why I had a brush with him.

I was 19, a little rebellious and wasn't training as hard as I should.

He dropped me from the team and gave me

LIVERPOOL and Scotland star Graeme Souness continues his exciting life story. This week the Match columnist tells of his glory days at Middlesbrough and his brushes with Jack Charlton.



a good talking to!

But after the Joe Laidlaw incident the season turned out to be one memorable moment after another . . . and here I've tried to pinpoint the personal highspots:

● October 8, 1973: Middlesbrough travel to Old Trafford and beat Man. Utd 1-0 thanks to a goal from Malcolm Smith.

In the United side that day were Martin Buchan, Brian Greenhoff (now Leeds), Gerry Daly (Coventry) and Lou Macari.

"There were periods — like I've since experienced at Liverpool — when we felt unbeatable."

● March 2, 1974: Boro complete the double over FA Cup holders and North East rivals Sunderland. Obviously we were jealous when they won the trophy the year before so it was a fantastic feeling to beat them twice.

● March 13, 1974: My form earns me a Scotland Under-23 call up and I play in a 2-0 defeat by England at Newcastle.

● March 19, 1974: We give former England captain Bobby Moore a miserable debut by hammering Fulham 4-0 at Craven Cottage and prove to the Southern press, who'd labelled us 'boring', that we can play.

● March 30, 1974: David Mills (now with West Brom) makes sure that we're in the First Division with the only goal of the game at Luton — SIX matches before the end of the season.

● April 20, 1974: Ayresome Park fans — all 25,287 of them — see us finish our home programme in style as we crush struggling Sheffield Wednesday 8-0. I also score the first

Right:
Middlesbrough skipper Stuart Boam, who's now boss at Mansfield, gives me a lift to the local squash court!

Below right:
Hereford's Joe Laidlaw — a friend who 'helped' me into the Middlesbrough first team by breaking a player's nose!

hat-trick of my League career.

● April 28, 1974: Middlesbrough players ride through the streets of the town in an open-topped bus with the Division Two championship trophy. It was one of the most memorable moments of my life.

● April 1974: Middlesbrough fans vote me their 'Player of the Year'. It's always a great honour to receive such awards because they're from the people who really matter.

I finished the season with seven goals, behind Alan Foggan (19) Middlesbrough favourite John Hickton and David Mills (both 11).

That championship-winning side also included David Armstrong (who's just gone to Southampton) and current 'Boro boss Bobby Murdoch, who Jack signed from Celtic.

WHO AM I?

I made more than 300 League appearances for a Yorkshire club after leaving London. Now turn to page 36 for the next clue.



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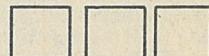


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IRWIN COMES OUT OF THE 'SHADOW'

COLIN Irwin knew it was time to leave home town club Liverpool when manager Bob Paisley informed him that Swansea had made an offer.

"There had been talk in the past about clubs being interested in me, but this was the first time that the manager had told me about an offer," says the 24-year-old central defender.

"That seemed like a hint and I thought it was time for me to leave."

"The manager told me I was quite welcome to stay at Anfield, but on the other hand he said he was willing to let me go."

"So that's why I flew out to Yugoslavia to talk to Swansea manager John Toshack. If I hadn't been interested, I wouldn't have bothered to have flown all that way."

Now the £350,000 defender has the chance to establish himself in the First Division instead of being permanently in the shadows of Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen.

"Obviously it was frustrating knowing that however well I played it was back to the reserves once Phil and Alan were available again."

"I was prepared to give it another two months at Anfield, but after that I would have gone in to the manager to see about my future anyway."

"With Phil and Alan around it was obvious that my chances of first team football were once again going to be limited."

"It's not an easy job trying to make a name for yourself with your home town club, so that's why I'm going to try and make it with Swansea."

WRENCH

"It's a wrench leaving Liverpool for that's where I've spent all my life, but from the football point of view I've got a great chance to become a First Division player in my own right."

"I'm grateful to Liverpool for giving me a start in professional football because if you don't learn anything at Anfield, then you are walking round with your eyes closed."

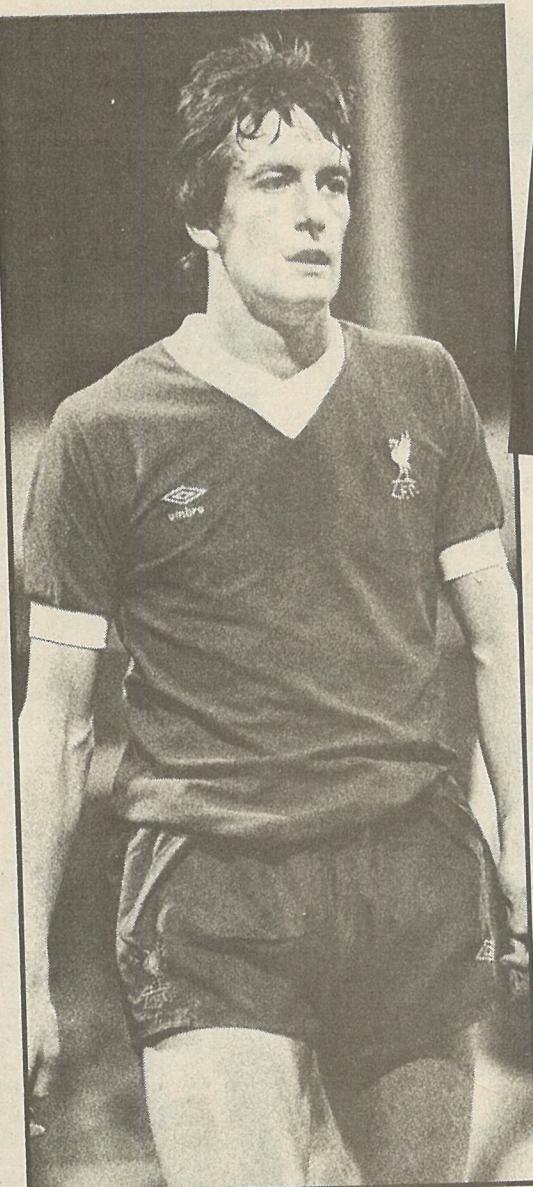
"And I'm hoping that the experience I've gained will enable me to help Swansea establish themselves in the First Division."

Colin, a former electrician who admits to being an Everton fan as a schoolboy, made 27 senior appearances last season, including two in the European Cup.

He replaced the injured Phil Thompson in the semi-final draw in Bayern Munich which took Liverpool through to the Final with Real Madrid, but then it was once again back on the subs bench.

"I knew I would be back on the bench for the final, but in my book we won the European Cup in Munich after being held to a goalless draw at Anfield," says Colin, who didn't turn professional until he was 20.

It's that added experience of European football that has probably prompted



Colin Irwin is looking forward to making his name in the First Division with Swansea after being in the shadows at Liverpool.

Liverpool team mate John Toshack to make Colin the new captain at Vetch Field.

"It's going to be up to me to try and organise matters at the back because it's just as important to stop the goals as it is to score them."

"I just hope that I can do a good job for them."

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Wolves new signing Joe Gallagher — Spurs will be up against him on Saturday.

Left: Paul Price — made his League debut for Spurs on the opening day of the season at Middlesbrough.

'Give us a Clue'

SOME Match readers may have seen me recently on the television quiz show 'Give Us A Clue' hosted by Michael Aspel.

The show was actually recorded the day after Spurs won the FA Cup. As soon as the team had finished parading the trophy on the Sunday I had to rush off to Teddington.

Still it was a very enjoyable day.

MATCHWINNERS

FIFTY lucky winners of our Spot the Difference competition which appeared in the August 22 issue of Match Weekly each receive a super Football Fixture Planner.

They are as follows: A Chapman, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs; Nicholas Davies, Hoptonwaters, Kidderminster, Worcestershire; Paul Darnell, Rushden, Northants; Craig Stuart, Fairfield, Cleveland; A. Dolan, Carlisle, Cumbria; Timothy Gibbs, Maida Vale, London; Peter MacDougall, Laindon, Essex; Stuart Robey, Sidcup, Kent; G. Wearing, Millom, Cumbria; Robert Devereux, Gt. Cornard, Suffolk; David Casper, Harrogate, Yorks; Paul Gagan, Whitefield, Lancs; Ian Barnett, Winchester, Hants; Adam Hanley, Highbury, London; Stephen Marshall, Attenborough, Notts; Stuart Clark, Sholing, Southampton; Robert Dean, Wokingham, Berks; Patrick Dallimore, Grenoside, Sheffield; Andrew Fisher, Maidenhead, Berks; Duncan Porter, Narborough, Leicester; Spencer Swash, Canvey Island, Essex; Ian Scott, Stanne's Park, Bristol; M. Hughes, Ely, Cardiff; Martin Allender, London; Julian Tann, Maidstone, Kent; Anthony Matthews, Cerne, Wilts; Gary Wilks, Bishop Monkton, Yorks; Craig Bell, Steventon, Oxon; Nicholas Cannon, Portslade, Sussex; Kevin Sheldon, Nottingham; Chitiphong Kaimoog, Harrow, Middlesex; Sharon Quantrill, Tottenham, London; James Anderson, Leeds; Chris Newell, Tottenham, London; Richard West, Sheffield, Yorks; Giaco de Silva, Worthing, Sussex; Steven Aukland, Forest Fields, Nottingham; Marc Peters, Kingsbury, London; Mark Connor, Southport, Merseyside; A. Newcombe, Deal, Kent; Lee Whalley, Frenchwood, Preston, Lancs; Stuart Whalley, Denton, Manchester; John Lilly, Peckham, London; Kevin Hayes, Cosway Street, London; Colin Perry, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts; Darren Phillips, Haydock, Merseyside; Jamie Hone, Birmingham; Ian Jones, Nunhead, London; and M. Nowland, Holmes Road, London.

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HODDLE

The Spurs and England shooting star writes exclusively for you. Don't miss his column . . . only in Match.

ENJOY the game . . . cheer us on . . . but please behave yourselves. That's my plea to Spurs fans on the eve of our vital opening game in the European Cup Winners Cup against Ajax of Amsterdam.

Any trouble and we could get thrown out of the competition!

Crowd violence disgusts the players and while we will welcome all the backing we can get from our fans next Wednesday, anyone who doesn't behave out in Holland cannot be classed as a true Spurs supporter.

We were to have played the home leg first, but it has been switched to lessen the risk of innocent people being hurt should the away result go badly for us.

Not that I think it will.

Manager Keith Burkinshaw and first team coach Peter Shreeves have watched Ajax and we've been watching video tapes of their games.

They look to have some good young players but we haven't seen anything to frighten us.

Having said that, I think this could be the hardest tie for us because it will be our first one back in Europe and we will be feeling our way a bit.

Only two of our players — goalkeeper Ray Clemence and skipper Steve Perryman — actually have experience of playing in Europe at club level.

Before we come to that game though, we've got a League match against Wolves at Molineux on Saturday.

They've bought former Birmingham skipper Joe Gallagher to strengthen their defence, but we'll just be hoping to reproduce the kind of form we showed against them in our FA Cup semi-final replay earlier this year.

The following Saturday it's Everton at home and they seem to have a whole new side!

Last season we drew 2-2 with them home and away, but we won't be fearing them too much on our own pitch.

Three days after that we find ourselves away at Swansea and I think every team is going to find it difficult down at Vetch Field this season.

AJAX?

We haven't seen anything to frighten us

I can see Swansea doing quite well this year — maybe finishing in eighth or ninth position in the League with a good cup run to boot.

I've played at Swansea before and even in friendly matches they make it difficult for the opposition.

And their 5-1 win over Leeds on opening day brought back memories of Nottingham Forest when they came up from the Second Division and won the League!

Newcomers Notts County also got a great result on opening day — beating Villa at Villa Park.

Villa may find it tough this year because they are the Champions.

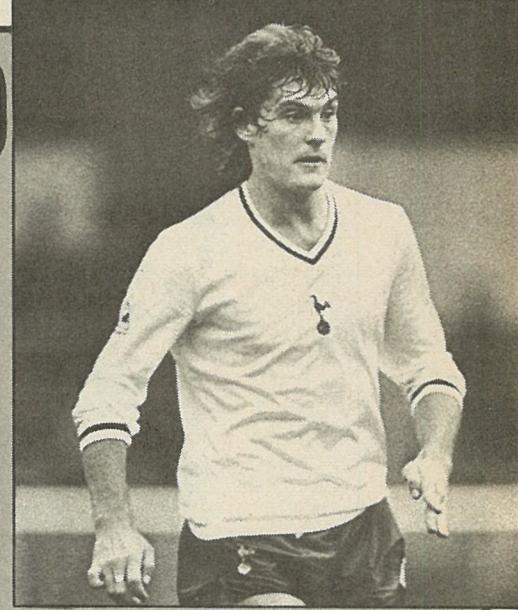
What with Liverpool losing and Ipswich only drawing at home there were quite a few shocks on the day of the big kick off, but that can only be good for football.

It was good for Spurs too, because while some of the top teams were dropping points we got off to a three pointer at Middlesbrough.

We had both Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald missing for that game, but we played very well.

Garry Brooke partnered Mark Falco up front and Paul Price came into the defence.

We didn't quite know how it would work



out up front, but it went fabulously.

Middlesbrough don't seem to have any recognised star players any more, but I was quite impressed with their new Dutch lad Heine Otto who scored their goal.

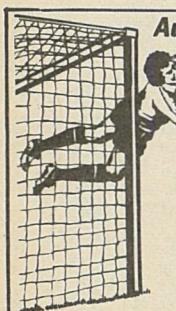
It was good to see Mark Falco on the scoresheet again following his two goals in the Charity Shield against Villa at Wembley the week before.

Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald have taken a bit of ribbing about their future in the side!

The one disappointing thing that came out of the Charity Shield was that there was no winner. I think in a game like that — not in a cup final though — there should be extra time and if it's still stalemate, penalties to decide a winner.

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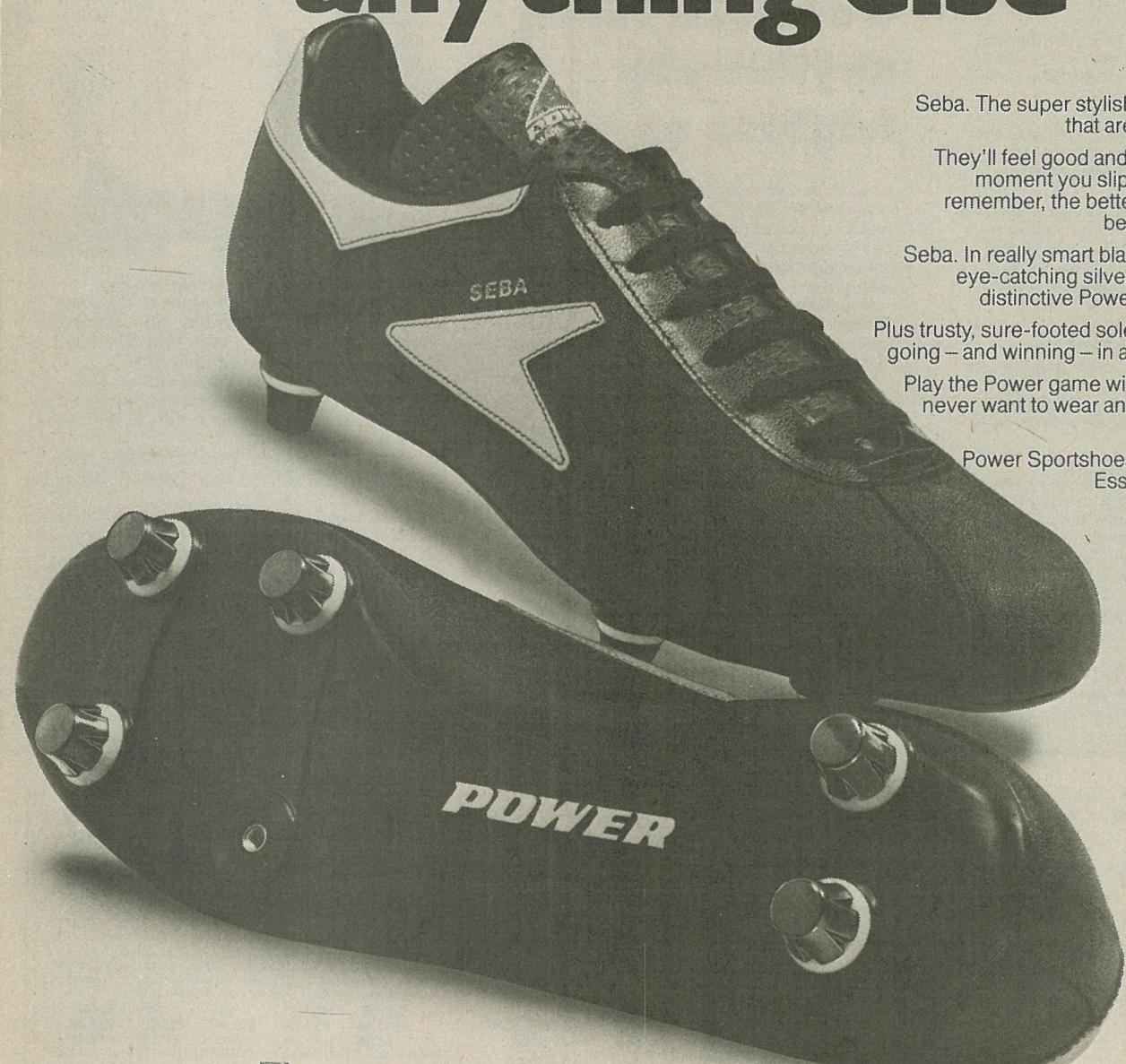
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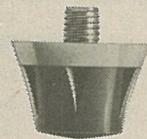
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Lawrenson wants it easy

I'M outraged with Mark Lawrenson for joining Liverpool. The Reds already have two international centre-backs in Phil Thompson and Alan Hansen and he'll ruin his career with Eire if he plays in the reserves.

Why on earth didn't he join my club Arsenal and team up with his Eire team mate David O'Leary.

Lawrenson just wants to get a medal the easy way next season by

being the twelfth member of the Liverpool squad!
Kevin Humphreys (15), High Wycombe, Bucks.

• Naturally he wants to improve his chances of winning a medal this season — what player doesn't! But you are wrong if you believe he'd be happy to win a medal from the sidelines. Face facts Kevin — Liverpool are a better team to play for. You're off.

Lucky Villa!

I'M outraged at the publicity given to Aston Villa. Manager Ron Saunders won the Manager of the Year award, but he would never have been in the limelight if Villa had not won the championship. Gary Shaw and Peter Withe score most of their goals through luck.

Mark Attwood, Wall Heath, West Midlands.

• I wonder what the score was when Villa thrashed YOUR favourite team last season?

BIG mouth!

BEFORE you open your big mouth you should get your facts right. In reply to David 'Frog' Freeland's letter (Aug. 22) you said why not put the whole West Ham team out for the England games against Norway and Hungary. Well how can you do that when their right-back, Ray Stewart, is Scottish!

Robert Daley (14), Manor Park, London.

• I was only kidding Robert — it was a joke. You must be the only one who didn't get it!

Oscar for Ossie!

I think Ossie Ardiles should get an Oscar for acting. He would be better off in a swimming pool because he's always diving and getting penalties for nothing. I wish he would go back to Argentina.

Gary Dowden (13), Frome, Somerset.

• Well that explains everything. I'll be watching out for the halos next time I go to Elland Road. You are booked for trying to get rid of one of the most skilful players we have in this country.

A lesson for Withe

PETER Withe of Aston Villa could do with lessons on how to head a ball. Instead of striking the ball cleanly and guiding it downwards he hits the ball with brute force and doesn't mind where it goes. I could teach him a thing or two about heading.

Reza Moradi, Ealing, London.

• Well I'll teach you a lesson now — you're booked! Peter Withe is one of the best headers of a ball in the League and you're only moaning because he got two goals to deprive Spurs of victory in the Charity Shield.

What's wrong with Rotherham?

I fail to understand people who insist on supporting teams miles from their homes. My friend supports Ipswich, but what's wrong with Rotherham who I believe will do very well in Division Two this season?

Mark Edwards, Broadgate, Rotherham.

• There's nothing wrong with Rotherham, but your friend obviously prefers the marvellous football played by Ipswich.

Stratton

on Saturday

ASTON VILLA, Everton and West Ham all look set for home wins on Saturday at the expense of Manchester United, Brighton and Stoke.

Disagree? Well, if you can beat me at my own game you can win £5.

Each week I'll be picking ten matches from up and down the country and forecasting a result for each one.

And each week everyone will get the chance to beat me.

But now, one lucky reader gets to see his or her predictions in print.

And my special guest this week is 14-year-old Dominic Potts (pictured), a

Newcastle fan whose favourite player is Alan Shoulder. Dominic lives at Dunston, Tyne and Wear. You can see his predictions alongside mine in the special panel.

Will he beat me? You'll have to wait until Saturday to find out.

If you would like the chance to see your forecasts in print, like Dominic, all you have to do is send in your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER.

All the entries we receive will be kept in a special file and each week one lucky reader will be picked to compete against me in the magazine.

Points are awarded according to how accurate the predictions are and if you manage to score more than me you are a winner.

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• BAD luck to my first challenger Wayne Gold of Mill Hill, London, who lost, three points to five, on the first Saturday of the season.

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Swindon v Preston.....
Walsall v Chesterfield.....

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Halifax.....
Blackpool v Crewe.....
Bournemouth v Darlington.....
Bradford City v York.....

HERE are Paul Stratton's selected matches for this Saturday, together with those of his special guest opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your forecasts and a column for the actual result.

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Everton v Brighton	3-1	1-1			
West Ham v Stoke	3-0	2-0			
Chelsea v Watford	1-1	0-1			
Derby v Leicester	2-1	2-2			
Fulham v Bristol City	2-0	1-0			
Hudds'ld v Wimb'don	4-1	3-0			
Blackpool v Crewe	3-0	2-1			
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Celtic v Morton	2-0	2-1			

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Celtic v Morton.....
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Brechin v Montrose.....
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East Fife v Stirling A.....

Sunday, Sept. 13
DIVISION THREE

Millwall v Reading.....

Wednesday, Sep. 16
SCOTTISH FIRST
Ayr v St Johnstone.....
Clydebank v Dunfermline.....
East Stirling v Queen's Park.....
Hearts v Hamilton.....
Motherwell v Falkirk.....
Queen of Sth. v Kilmarnock.....
Raith v Dumbarton.....

SCOTTISH SECOND

Cowdenbeath v Alloa.....
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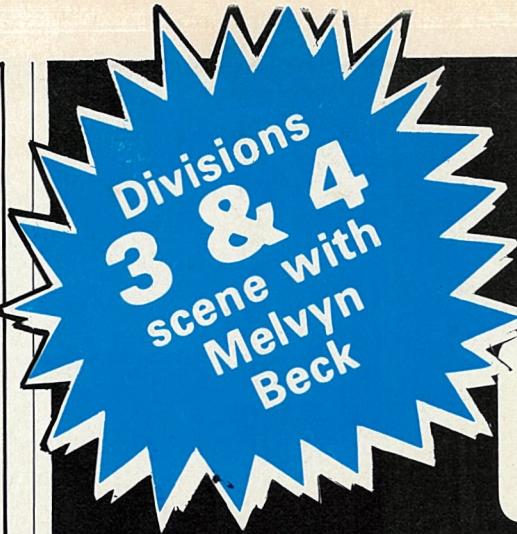
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GRATEFUL COMEBACK

resentful of what happened at Chelsea, but it was nice to get on the goal trail again against some of the lads I coached at Stamford Bridge.

"I've no regrets about the Chelsea situation because it was great experience — even though I didn't see out my contract along with manager Geoff Hurst.

"I'm hoping the experience will stand me in good stead for the future when I hope to get back into management, but it's a matter of waiting for a situation to develop."

In the meantime, Bobby, scorer of 160 League goals with nine different clubs, will concentrate all his enthusiasm and energy into repaying the confidence shown in him by Wimbledon manager Dave Bassett.

"I've lost a little sharpness, but that will only return with match situations.

"When I made my farewell appearance for Hereford in September 1979 I thought I had hung up my boots for good.

"Mind you, there were occasions during Chelsea's lean spell last season when I felt like putting them back on, but Geoff Hurst wouldn't let me.

"After being player-coach with Bristol Rovers and Hereford and then assistant manager at Chelsea, it's great now to just concentrate solely on playing.

"I only hope I can justify the faith shown in me by Dave Bassett and the club."

Chance

"I'm very grateful to Dave and Wimbledon in giving me another chance in League football," says Bobby, whose last League appearance was for Hereford two years ago.

"I worked very hard on my own after losing my job at Chelsea because I didn't want to get out of shape after twenty years of keeping fit.

"Although I'm now 35, I still feel I've got something to offer to Wimbledon.

"I feel there is a great lack of experienced pros around at the moment. Maybe I'm not as quick as I was, but my brain might enable me to get into scoring positions which younger players might not see.

'11

NEW Carlisle United striker Bob Lee hopes his return to the north for a second time with manager Bob Stokoe will bring about a change of luck.

Stokoe signed Bob from Leicester for £200,000 five years ago when manager of Sunderland, and now he has re-signed the lanky striker from Bristol Rovers for a nominal £11,000.

In that time Bob's career has been up and down like a yo-yo, with the last two years being something of a nightmare.

His chapter of setbacks include:

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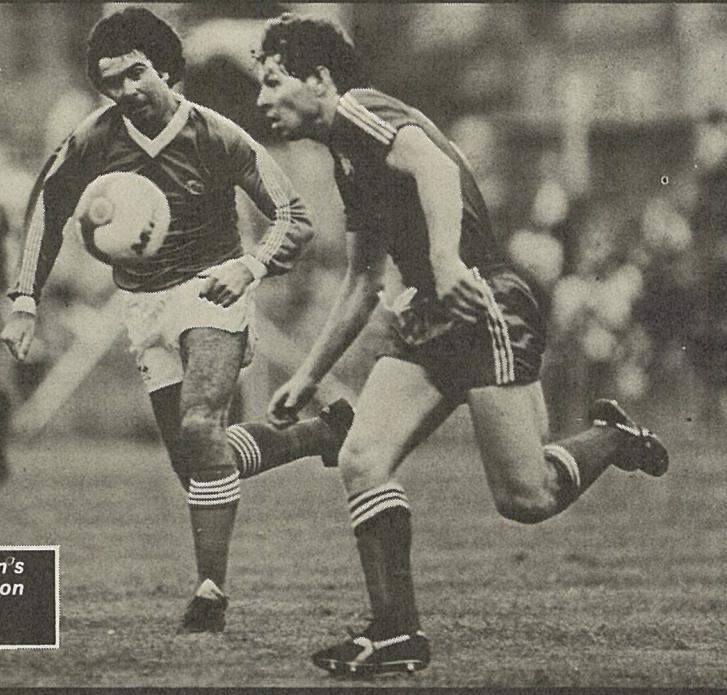
Sunderland Team Strip

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GOULD'S 'SWEET'

BOBBY'S LEAGUE CAREER		
	Lg. apps	Lg. goals
Coventry	78	40
Arsenal	57	16
Wolves	39	18
West Brom	52	15
Bristol City	35	15
West Ham	46	13
Wolves	24	12
Bristol Rovers	35	13
Hereford	42	10
TOTAL	408	160



Bobby Gould (left) chases Queen's Park Rangers striker Clive Allen on his comeback game for Third Division Wimbledon.

prove I'm good enough' says unlucky Lee

serious knee injury which forced him out of Sunderland's promotion winning side last year.

● The collapse of a move to Leeds when a medical test revealed a heart murmur.

● His £70,000 move to Bristol Rovers last August coinciding with a stand fire at Eastville and never managing to settle amid the upheaval and relegation problems.

● The shock of being told he could leave Rovers for a small fee, despite having two more years of his contract to run.

● A move to Second Division Charlton falling through when manager Mike Bailey moved to Brighton two days before he was set to sign.

"So I'm hoping my move to Carlisle will set me back on the road to the First Division again," says the 27-year-old forward.

"I didn't get to know Bob Stokoe very well at Sunderland because he resigned within weeks of signing me, but the possibility of playing with former Sunderland team mate Pop Robson attracted me to Carlisle."

"He's a great little striker and I hope we can produce the goods together and get Carlisle back into

the Second Division.

"Having never played in the Third Division, I don't know what to expect, but there are some good players at Carlisle, so I'm hoping we can do well."

Bob certainly started on the right foot with four goals in the new Group Cup — his season's total with relegated Bristol Rovers last season!

"Things didn't go too well at Rovers, what with the fire and a struggling side. We played some good football at times, but never had the best of luck."

"Even so, it was a bit of a shock when manager Terry Cooper said he was letting me go for a small fee because he had to prune the staff."

"But it looked as though everything would work out well when Charlton's Mike Bailey came in for me."

"Everything was set for me to stay in the Second Division with Charlton when suddenly Mike moved to Brighton and the deal fell through because new manager Alan Mullery obviously had his own ideas."

"I feel I'm still good enough to play in the top two divisions and I am out to prove it this season."



Steve Earl . . . hoping for a change of fortune at Carlisle.

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The Third
Division striker
with his eyes
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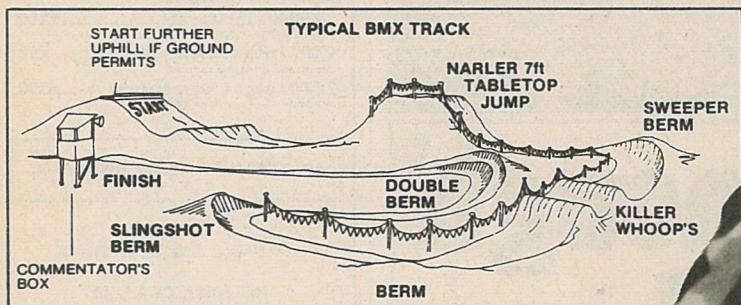
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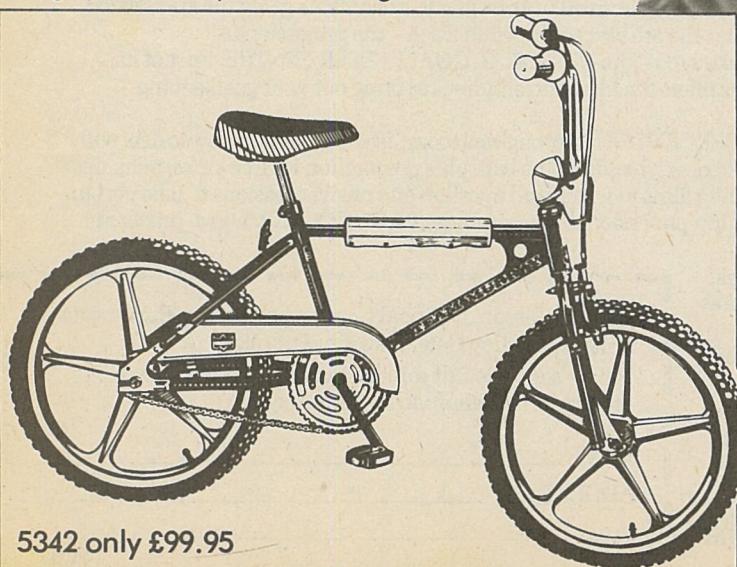
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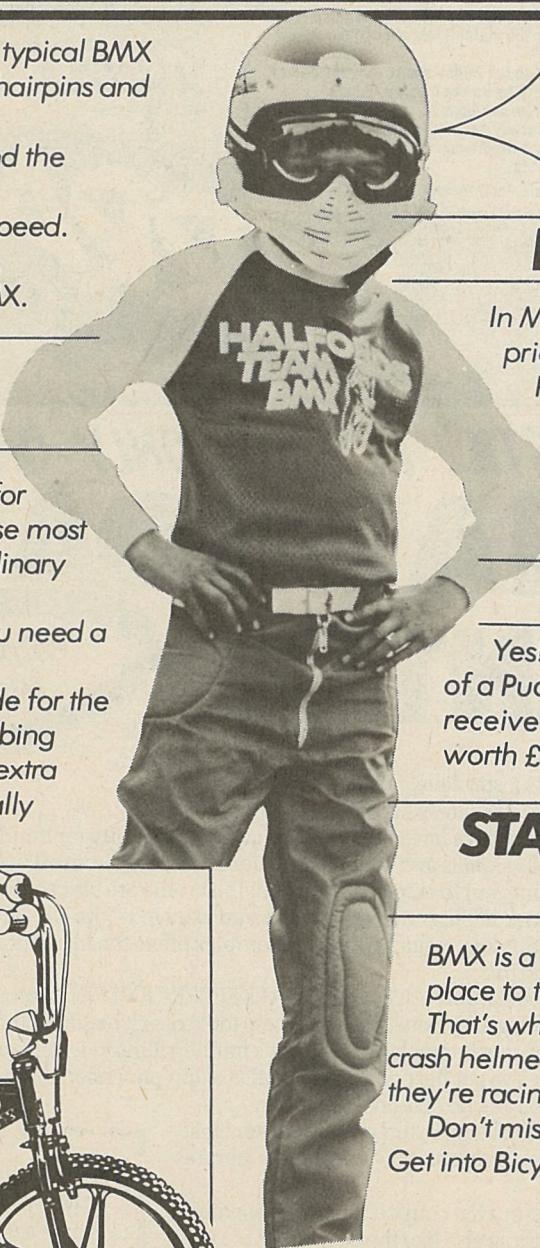
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The club invited me to their home match against Spurs and after the game I was taken to meet the Wolves players.

They showed me around the ground, gave me tickets for the next match... and presented me with an autographed football.

I will remember that day as long as I live.

Marc Dray, Wallingford, Oxon.

The atmosphere was great

MY most memorable day was when I went to Wembley with my team — Ladywood Boys.

We went to see England Schoolboys play Germany and although England lost 2-1 there was a great atmosphere.

One player I really enjoyed watching was David Kerslake. Adam Bullivant, Ilkeston, Derby.

WE asked you for your most memorable moment as a soccer fan and you flooded us with your letters. Here's a selection of those we received...



Just the ticket!

WHEN Ipswich Town reached the FA Cup Final in 1978 I was very hopeful of getting a ticket, but as everyone who has ever tried to get a Cup Final ticket knows, it isn't easy.

And when I caught chicken pox a week before the match I just about gave up hope.

But on the Friday a man rang my dad up and said he had two spare tickets — could we use them?

Naturally we said yes and watching Ipswich lift the cup was the greatest day of my life.

Malcolm Donovan, Kingsbridge, Devon.

MY DAY

Many Liverpool fans chatted with their Belgian counterparts and there was no sign of any trouble. It was just one big happy family.

I just can't explain how I felt when we went up to our seats and I looked out over the pitch.

Everywhere was red and the singing was just sheer magic. The atmosphere was fantastic.

To the outsider the game itself may not have seemed magic, but being there was completely different.

And to make it a perfect day Liverpool carried off the trophy for the second successive year.

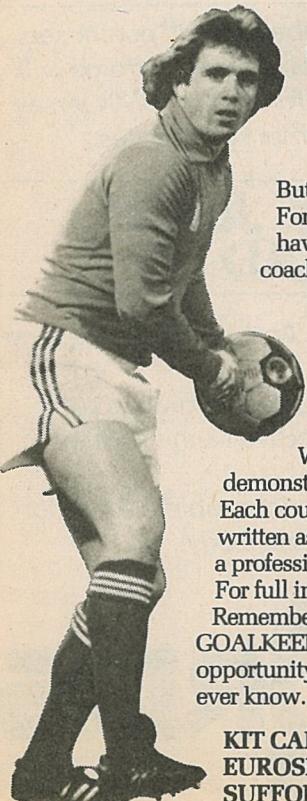
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Sean Macklin (13), Liverpool 13.



My perfect present

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It seemed like an eternity to the final whistle, but when the referee finally blew for time I knew I was going to Wembley.

That must rate as the most memorable moment in my life

Richard Summersgill (16), Kinver, West Midlands.

Wonderful Wembley!

I NEVER thought it would happen, but there I was, sitting in a £12.50 seat at Wembley! You see I had a disease which made me very ill, but one of my dreams was to go to Wembley to watch England play and I was determined to do it.

Thanks to my dad and the teachers at my school (for allowing me time off) I finally made it to Wembley.

And with a bit of luck I'll be going to the FA Cup Final next year.

Karen Abbott (13), Melksham, Wilts.

Left: Sean Macklin and friends when they played at Liverpool's famous Anfield ground.

Channon gave me his shirt!

MY dad happened to be working across the road from Mike Channon's house one day and somehow he got talking to him.

Mike said if my dad took me to the next Saints match at The Dell he would give me something.

It was a night match against Wolves and Southampton beat them 2-1.

After the game, Mike came out to meet us and told me: "Come in the dressing room — I've got something for you."

I went in, met all the players, and then Mike gave me his number eight shirt!

I was speechless, but just managed to say thank-you.

I remember I went to bed in the shirt that night. I'll never forget it.

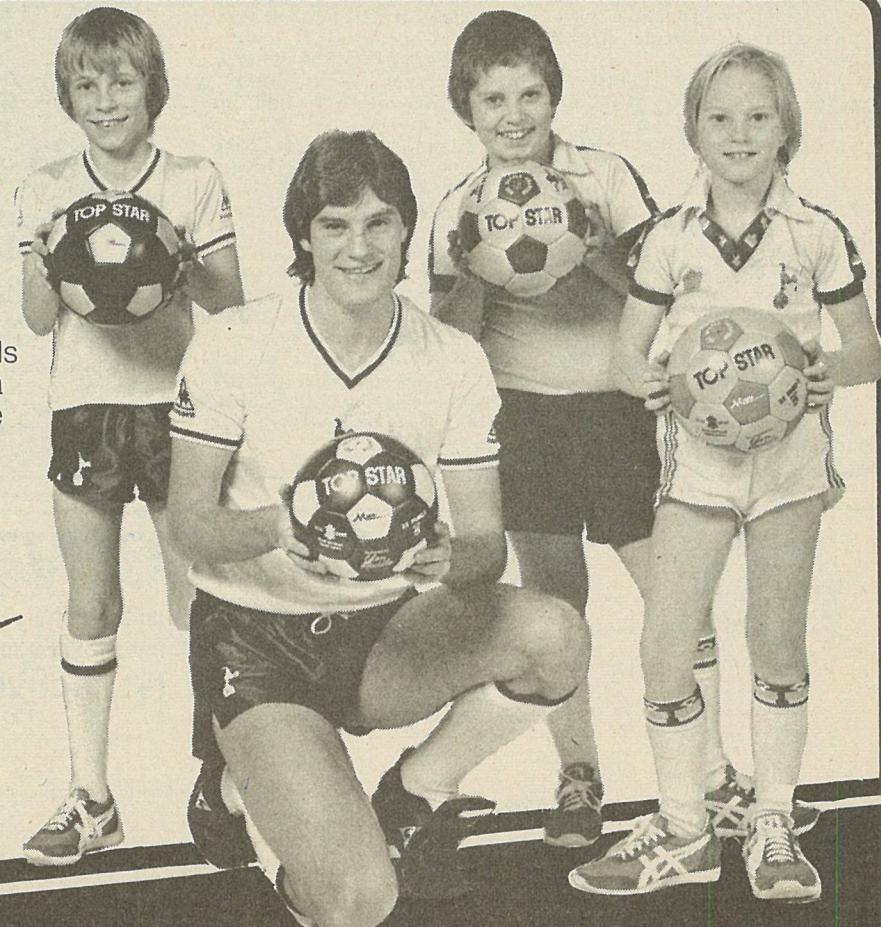
Trevor Webb (13), Southampton.

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Hot-shot McCoist admits 'I STILL HAVE A LOT TO LEARN'

'KEEP hitting the onion bag' . . . that was the unusual advice to Sunderland's £400,000 teenager Ally McCoist from fellow Scotsman Alan Brazil of Ipswich.

"I knew exactly what he meant," said the 18-year-old who was signed from St Johnstone just before the season started.

"And I was delighted when Alan came over and wished me luck and told me to keep scoring goals," said Ally, who came on as substitute in Sunderland's six goal thriller at Portman Road on the opening day of the season.

"It was a debut I'll never forget. The game lived up to all my expectations about English football.

"It was really exciting and a treat for the fans," added Ally, who set up Sunderland's third goal with a cheeky back-heel to Mick Buckley.

And the 3-3 draw against arguably the best team in the country confirmed the youngster's belief that he was right to turn down three other top clubs and join Alan Durban at Roker Park.

"Wolves, Middlesbrough and Glasgow Rangers all came in for me, but I believe there's fantastic potential at Sunderland."

"The manager is building up a strong young team and I reckon he's on the right lines to bring the club some success."

"I don't think we'll achieve it for a couple of years, but there's no doubt we're going places."

SPOTLIGHT on £400,000 scoring sensation Ally McCoist who turned down Glasgow Rangers, Middlesbrough and Wolves to join Sunderland.

Ally set the Scottish First Division alight last season with 23 goals in his first full campaign and seven goals in 10 Scottish youth appearances.

But it was always his ambition to make the grade south of the border.

"The English First Division is the best in the world and if you're ambitious it's the only place to play," he said.

It took him just that one appearance against Ipswich to realise why the English scene is best . . .

"The speed of the game is so much quicker — you don't have time to dwell on the ball," he said.

Even though former Stoke manager Alan Durban invested a large amount of money he won't be rushing Ally into first team action.

"The boss has told me that he'll ease me in gently — I'm still very raw and have a lot to learn."

And one facet of his game that Ally hopes to improve on is his strength in the air.

"I'm not too good with my head — I've always recognised my true ability is with my feet," he admitted.



Ally McCoist —
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McGovern 6, Burns 7, Aas 5, Francis 6, Ward 6,
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Referee: C. N. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★★

League Cup First Round, First Leg

WIGAN (1) 3 (Lloyd, Quinn, Houghton)
STOCKPORT (0) 0
Att: 5,079

SCOTTISH League Cup Supplementary Play-Off, First Leg

ARBROATH (0) 1 (Docherty 71)
FORFAR (0) 2 (Clark 51, Rankin 63)
Att: 680

Tuesday, Sept. 1 Division One

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Evans 44)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Brazil 64)
Att: 17,328
Birmingham: Wealands 6, Langan 7, Dennis 7,
DILLON 8, Broadhurst 7, Todd 7, Brocken 7,
Whatmore 7, Evans 7, Gemmill 6, Van Mierlo 7.
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Mills 6, McCall 6, Thijssen
7, Osman 7, **BUTCHER** 8, Wark 7, Muhren 7,
Mariner 7, Brazil 7, Gates 7.
Referee: G. E. Flint (Kirkby-in-Ashfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Ritchie 33)
SWANSEA (2) 2 (James, L 10, Latchford 14)
Att: 19,885
Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 5, Williams 6,
Grealish 5 (sub. Smith), Foster 6, Stevens 6,
Case 5, **RITCHIE** 8, Robinson 7, McNab 7,
Ryan 7.
Swansea: Davies 7, Robinson 7, Hadziabdic 7,
Rajkovic 7, Irwin 7, Mahoney 6, Curtis 6, James,
R 6, James, L 8 (sub. Attley 7), **CHARLES** 9,
Latchford 7.
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Neal, pen 53)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Shearer 7)
Att: 31,963
Liverpool: Grobelaar 8, Neal 6, Lawrenson 7,
Thompson 7, Kennedy 7, Hansen 6,
DALGLISH 9, Lee 7, Johnson 7, McDermott
8, Souness 8.
Middlesbrough: Platt 8, McCreech 6, Bolton 6,
Hedley 7, Baxter 7, **McANDREW** 8, Woof 7,
Otto 6, Hodgson 7 (sub. Cochrane 7), Shearer 7,
Angus 7.
Referee: H. Taylor (Leicestershire)
Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (Christie 39)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (McDonald 79)
Att: 14,546
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7,
O'Brien 6, Harkouk 6, Kilcline 6, Richards 7,
Chiodze 6, **MCCULLOCH** 8, Christie 7,
Hunt 6, Hooks 6 (sub. Goodwin).
Man. City: Williams 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 7,
Reid 6, Power 6, Caton 7, O'Neill 6, Gow 7,
Boyer 6, **HUTCHISON** 8, Reeves 7 (sub.
Henry).
Referee: C. A. Maskell (Cambridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 4 (Channon 7, 83,
Keegan 61, Moran 76)
WOLVES (0) 1 (Clarke 58)
Att: 21,315
Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 7, Holmes 6,
Baker 6, Waldron 7, Whitlock 5, **KEEGAN** 8,
Channon 7, Moran 7, Armstrong 6, Ball 6 (sub.
Puckett).
Wolves: Bradshaw 5, Palmer 6, Parkin 6, Daniel
5, **GALLAGHER** 8, Villazan 7, Birch 6 (sub.
Richards), Hibbit 6, Gray 6, Clarke 6, Matthews
5.
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★★

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Match rating

★★★★★ A classic
★★★★ Good value
★★★ Satisfactory
★★ Dull
★ Waste of money

Division Two

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Spriggs, pen 43)
DERBY (1) 2 (Emery 23, Swindlehurst 70)
Att: 5,071
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray 6,
REILLY 8, Fallon 7, O'Neill 6, Polycarpou 6,
Spriggs 7, Goldsmith 6, Streete 6, Finney 6.
Derby: Jones 7, Coop 6, Richards 6, Powell 6,
Ramage 7, Spooner 7, Emery 7, Reid 6, Hector
6, **SWINDLEHURST** 8, Buckley 7.

Referee: A. W. Grey (Norfolk)
Match Rating: ★★★★

QPR (1) 1 (King 34)
LUTON (0) 2 (Aizlewood 67, Hill 81)
Att: 18,703
QPR: Burridge 7, Gregory 6, Fenwick 6,
Waddock 6, Hazell 6, **ROEDER** 8, Flanagan
7, Francis 7, Allen 7, King 7, Stainrod 7.
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, **AIZLEWOOD**
8, Horton 7, Saxby 6, Donaghy 6, Hill 7, Stein 7,
White 6, Antic 6, Ingram 7.

Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Atkins 24)
BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Lowey 69, Brotherton 77)
Att: 4,220
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, Leonard 6, Johnson 6,
Potts 5, Griffin 6, Keay 5, Tong 6, McNally 7,
ATKINS 8, Bates 6, Dungworth 6.
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone 6,
Speight 6, Keeley 7, Hamilton 6, Miller 7, Burke
7, Lowey 6, Crawford 7, **BROTHERSTON** 8.
Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil)

Match Rating: ★★★

WATFORD (0) 0
GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Ford 72, 81)
Att: 11,257
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Henderson 5,
Taylor 6 (sub. Rostron 6), Sims 6, Bolton 6,
Callaghan 6, Blissett 6, Armstrong 6,
JACKETT 7, Poskett 6.

Grimsby: Batch 8, Stone 7, Crombie 7, Waters
8, Wiggin 7, Moore 7, Broly 7, Whymark 6
(sub. **FORD** 9), Drinkel 7, Mitchell 7, Kilmore
7.

Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★

League Cup First Round, First Leg

ALDERSHOT (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Att: 2,098

BOLTON (1) 2 (Kidd, Thomas)
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Atkinson)
Att: 5,156

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
FULHAM (1) 1 (Davies)
Att: 3,906

BRISTOL CITY (2) 2 (Harford, Mann)
WALSALL (0) 0
Att: 3,906

BURY (1) 3 (Johnson, pen, Madden 2)
CARLISLE (1) 3 (Coady, Haig, Lee)
Att: 2,247

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Bremner, Allinson, pen)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Att: 2,431

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Walsh)
ROTHERHAM (1) 3 (Fern, Henson, og)
Att: 3,042

DONCASTER (0) 0
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
Att: 3,801

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Davison)
PRESTON (2) 2 (Clark, Naughton)
Att: 2,719

HUDDERSFIELD (3) 3 (Fletcher 2, Wilson)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Cooper)
Att: 6,713

NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Denyer, Alexander)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Att: 1,480

ORIENT (1) 1 (Moores)
MILLWALL (1) 1 (Horrix)
Att: 4,518

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
MANSFIELD (0) 0
Att: 2,249

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Kenworthy, pen)
YORK (0) 0
Att: 6,702

TRANMERE (1) 4 (Stevenson og, Kerr, Brown
2)

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Potts, Hamilton)
Att: 2,025

WREXHAM (2) 3 (Vinter, Edwards, Davis)
SWINDON (0) 2 (Davis og, Carter, pen)
Att: 2,068

Wednesday, Sept. 2 Division One

LEEDS (1) 1 (Graham 32)
EVERTON (1) 1 (Biley 11)
Att: 26,502

Leeds: Lukic 7, Greenhoff 6, Gray 7, Flynn 6,
Hart 7, Cherry 7, Harris 6, **GRAHAM** 8,
Parlane 6, Stevenson 7, Barnes 6.

Everton: Arnold 7, Wright 6, Ratcliffe 7, Walsh
7, Lyons 7, Thomas 7, McMahon 6, Eastoe 7,
Biley 7, **HARTFORD** 8, Ainscow 6.

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle-upon-Tyne)
Match Rating: ★★★

STOKE (2) 4 (Chapman 5, 80, Heath 12, 56)
COVENTRY (0) 0
Att: 13,914

Stoke: Fox 7, Evans 7, Hampton 7, Dodd 7,
O'Callaghan 8, Doyle 7, Griffiths 7, **HEATH** 9,
Chapman 8, Bracewell 7, Maguire 8.

Coventry: Blyth 7, Thomas 6, Roberts 6, Jacobs
6, Dyson 6, Gillespie 5, Bodak 6 (sub. Kaiser 6),
Daly 6, Thompson 7, Whitton 7, **HUNT** 8.
Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Ritchie 36, Rowell 48)
ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Donovan 23)
Att: 29,372

Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinnigan 7, Munro 7,
BUCKLEY 9, Clarke 8, Hindmarch 7,
Chisholm 6, Ritchie 7, Cooke 6 (sub. McCoist),
Rowell 7, Pickering 6.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 8, Swain 7, Gibson 7,
Evans 7, Ormsby 7, **MORTIMER** 8, Bremer
7, Donovan 7, Withe 6, Cowans 6, Morley 7.
Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: ★★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 0
WEST HAM (1) 4 (Cross 10, 50, 56, 85)
Att: 41,200

Spurs: Clemence 6, Roberts 6, Miller 6, Price 7
(sub. Smith 5), Villa 6, Perryman 6, **HAZARD**
8, Brooke 7, Galvin 6, Hoddle 6, Falco 6.
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7,
Bonds 7, Martin 7, Devonshire 7, Neighbour 7,
Goddard 6, **CROSS** 9, Allen 6, Pike 7.
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★★★

WEST BROM (0) 0
ARSENAL (2) 2 (Talbot 29, Sunderland 35)
Att: 17,104

West Brom: Godden 6, Batson 5,
STATHAM 7, Moses 4 (sub. Cross 5), Wile 6,
Robertson 6, Robson 5, Mills 6, Deehan 5,
Owen 5, Mackenzie 5.
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 6, Sansom 7,
Talbot 7, O'Leary 7, Young 7, **DAVIS** 9,
Sunderland 7, McDermott 6, Nicholas 6, Rix 8.
Referee: J. B. Worrall (Warrington)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

NORWICH (1) 1 (Cannon, og 6)

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0

Att: 14,484

Norwich: Woods 7, Nightingale 7, Downs 7,
McGuire 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, **BARHAM**
9, Shepherd 8, Bertschin 7, Paddon 6 (sub.
Mendham), Jack 8.

Crystal Palace: **BARRON** 9, Hinshelwood 5,
Dare 5, Price 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 8, Smillie 7,
Bason 6, Walsh 6, Langley 6, Brooks 6 (sub.
Lovel).

Referee: J. L. Deakin (Bedford)

Match Rating: ★★★

League Cup First Round, First Leg

BRADFORD CITY (1) 3 (Gallagher, Campbell,
Greenall og)

BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Bamber)

Att: 3,374

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Stevens 2)

EXETER (0) 1 (Cooke)

Att: 2,688

CHESTER (1) 2 (Ludlam 2)

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Kemp, Sims)

(Abandoned after 78 minutes, goalposts
collapsed)

Att: 1,759

CREWE (1) 1 (Ricketts)

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Mabbutt)

Att: 2,137

HEREFORD (1) 1 (Phillips)

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Moss)

Att: 2,817

LINCOLN (1) 3 (Shipley, Hobson, Cunningham)

HULL (0) 0

Att: 3,498

OXFORD (1) 1 (Cassells)

BRENTFORD (0) 0

Att: 3,621

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Cooke, Slack)

BARNESLEY (2) 3 (Glavin 2, Joyce)

Att: 4,608

READING (0) 2 (Earles, Hetzke)

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Hales, Lansdowne)

Att: 3,622

SOUTHEND (0) 0

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 4,087

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Cooper, Fell)

NEWPORT (2) 3 (Aldridge, Oakes, Moore)

Att: 2,514

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SCOTTISH League Cup Quarter Finals

ABERDEEN (4) 5 (Cooper 28, Strachan 33, pen 43, Bell 40, McCall 87)
BERWICK (0) 0
Att: 5,000

BRECHIN (0) 0
RANGERS (2) 4 (Russell 38, Jackson 44, McLean, pen 59, Redford 70)
Att: 7,000

HAMILTON (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 4 (Dodds 10, 19, Holt 60, Bannon, pen 61)
Att: 4,600

Supplementary Play-Off, Second Leg

FORFAR (1) 2 (Doherty, og 20, Rankin 111)
ARBROATH (0) 2 (Gavine 51, Harley 85)
Forfar win 4-3 on aggregate
Att: 1,922

Friday, Sept. 4 Division Three

SOUTHEND (0) 0
NEWPORT COUNTY (1) 4 (Aldridge 25, Gwyther 55, Tynan 66, Elsey 81)
Att: 4,620
Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 6, Dudley 7, Hadley 5, Moody 6, Cusack 6, **NELSON** 8, Pountney 5, Spence 6, Mercer 6, Otuakowski 5.
Newport: Kendall 8, Elsey 8, Reeves 8, Davies 8, Oakes 8, **BAILEY** 9, Vaughan 7, Johnson 7, Gwyther 7, Aldridge 8 (sub. Tynan 7), Moore 8.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

COLCHESTER (2) 4 (Allinson 9, pen 36, Cook 58, Bremner 90)

TRANMERE (0) 0

Att: 2,474
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 8, Coleman 8, Leslie 7, Wignall 7, Wright 7, Adcock 8, Bremner 7, Longhorn 6 (sub. Foley 6), McDonough 6, **ALLISON** 9.

Tranmere: Johnson 6, Burgess 6, Moreley 6 (sub. Mungall), Parry 7, Bramhall 5, Williams 6, Kelly 7, Hutchinson 5, Kerr 6, Brown 7, **GRIFFITHS** 8.

Referee: T. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (3) 4 (Coyle 2, 45, Uzelac 24, Williams 46)

ALDERSHOT (2) 2 (Sanford 22, 44)

Att: 2,239

Stockport: Lloyd 6, Thorpe 6, Sherlock 7, Fowler 7, Sword 6, Uzelac 7, Williams 7, Wardrobe 7, **COYLE** 9, Park 6, Stanford 6.

Aldershot: Johnson 5, Edwards 6, Wooler 7, Briley 7, Bennett 5, Jopling 6, Scott 7, **SANFORD** 8, Garwood 6, Crosby 6, Robinson 6.

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★★

YORK (1) 2 (Walton 44, Walwyn 66)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Phillips 85)

Att: 2,086

York: Blackburn 7, Kay 6, Dawson 7, Croft 7, Flood 8, Waldron 7, Hood 7, McDonald 7, Ford 6, **WALWYN** 9, Byrne 6 (sub. McGhee).

Northampton: Poole 6, **BRADY** 8, Gage 6, Farmer 6, Denyer 6, Heeley 6 (sub. Sandy 6), Coffill 7, Carlton 6, Phillips 7, Bowen 6, Alexander 6.

Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)

Match Rating: ★★★



West Brom striker Cyrille Regis scored a hat-trick in his team's 4-1 win over Swansea in Division One.

MILLS 7, **WALLACE** 8, Fashanu 7, Proctor 7, Robertson 7.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Case 3, Otto, og 71)

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

Att: 13,386

Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 6, Williams 6, Grealish 6, Foster 6, **STEVENS** 9, Case 6, Ritchie 6 (sub. Smith 7), Robinson 6, McNab 6, Ryan 8.

Middlesbrough: Platt 7, McCreesh 5, Bolton 7, Hedley 6, **BAXTER** 8, McAndrew 7, Woof 5 (sub. Cochrane 7), Otto 6, Hodgson 6, Shearer 7, Angus 6.

Referee: T. Glasson (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★

LEEDS (1) 3 (Graham 38, 58, 70)

WOLVES (0) 0

Att: 20,216

Leeds: Lukic 8, Greenhoff 6 (sub. Hird), Gray, E 6, Flynn 7, Firm 6, Cherry 7, Harris 6.

GRAHAM 9, Parlane 6, Stevenson 7, Barnes 6.

Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 5, Parkin 5, Daniel 7, Gallagher 6 (sub. Richards), Villazan 6, Birch 5, **HIBBITT** 8, Gray, A 6, Clarke 7, Matthews 6.

Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)

Match Rating: ★★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (McDermott 44, Johnson 87)

ARSENAL (0) 0

Att: 35,629

Liverpool: Grobelaar 7, Neal 6, Lawrenson 8, Thompson 7, Kennedy 7, Hansen 6, **DALGLISH** 9, Lee 7, Johnson 7, McDermott 6, Souness 6 (sub. Johnston 8).

Arsenal: Jennings 6, Devine 7, Sansom 7, Talbot 5, O'Leary 7, **YOUNG** 8, Sunderland 7, McDermott 6, Nicholas 8 (sub. Davis 5), Rix 6, Hollins 5.

Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)

Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Stapleton 14)

IPSWICH (2) 2 (Brazil 6, Wark 27)

Att: 45,645

Man. Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 5, Albiston 6, Wilkins 7, McQueen 5, **BUCHAN** 8, Coppell 6, Birtles 6, Stapleton 6, Macari 6, McIlroy 5 (sub. Dubuxy).

Ipswich: Cooper 6, **MILLS** 8, McCall 6, Thijssen 7, Osman 6, Butcher 6, Wark 6, Muhren 7, Mariner 6, Brazil 7, Gates 6.
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Christie 4, Hunt 53)

COVENTRY (0) 1 (Daily 88)

Att: 10,899

Notts County: Avramovic 8, Benjamin 7, O'Brien 7, Goodwin 6, Kilcline 5, Richards 7, Chiedozie 7, **McCULLOCH** 9, Christie 8, Hunt 7, Hooks 7.

Coventry: Blyth 7, Thomas 5, Roberts 6, Jacobs 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 6, Kaiser 7, **DALY** 8, Thompson 6, Whitton 7, Hunt 6.

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Keegan, pen 52)

EVERTON (0) 0

Att: 21,624

Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 7, Holmes 5, Baker 5, Waldron 7, Nicholl 6, **KEEGAN** 8, Channon 7, Moran 6, Armstrong 6, Ball 6.

Everton: Arnold 6, Wright 6, **RATCLIFFE** 8, Walsh 6, Lyons 6, Thomas 6, McMahon 7 (sub. Ferguson), Easton 6, Biley 6, Hartford 7, Ainscow 7.

Referee: C. B. White (Harrow)

Match Rating: ★★★

STOKE (0) 1 (Chapman 61)

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 3 (Francis 36, 89, Boyer 65)

Att: 25,256

Stoke: **FOX** 9, Evans 7, Hampton 7, Dodd 7, O'Callaghan 6, Doyle 7, Griffiths 6, Heath 7, Chapman 8, Bracewell 7, Maguire 6 (sub. Ursem).

Man City: Corrigan 8, Ranson 7, McDonald 7, Reid 7, Power 7 (sub. Boyer 6), Caton 7, O'Neill 7, Gow 7, **FRANCIS** 9, Hutchison 8, Reeves 8.

Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Goddard 39, Cross 54)

Att: 28,347

Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinnigan 6, Munro 7, Buckley 7, **CLARKE** 8, Hindmarsh 6, Chisholm 6, Ritchie 7, Cooke 6, Rowell 6, Pickering 6 (sub. McCoist 6).

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West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, Martin 7, **DEVONSHIRE** 8, Neighbour 6, Goddard 7 (sub. Pearson), Cross 7, Allen 7, Pike 7.

Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)

Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Villa 73)
ASTON VILLA (3) 3 (Donovan 24, 44, Mortimer 32)

Att: 31,265

Spurs: Clemente 6, Roberts 6, Miller 5 (sub. Lacy 6), Smith 5, Villa 6, Perryman 6, Ardiles 6, Brooke 6, Jones 6, Hoddle 6, **FALCO** 8.

Aston Villa: **RIMMER** 8, Swain 7, Gibson 7, Evans 7, Ormsby 6, Mortimer 7, Bremner 6, Donovan 7, Withe 6, Cowans 7, Morley 7.

Referee: B. Hill (Northants)

Match Rating: ★★★

WEST BROM (1) 4 (Regis 18, 68, 73, Mackenzie 69)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Robinson 76)

Att: 18,063

West Brom: Godden 7, Batson 7, Statham 7, Moses 6, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Robson 6, Mills 6, **REGIS** 9, Owen 6, Mackenzie 6.

Swansea: Davies 6, **ROBINSON** 8, Hadziabdic 7, Rajkovic 7, Irwin 6, Mahoney 7, Curtis 6, James, R 6, James, L 7, Charles 6 (sub. Attley 6), Latchford 6.

Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)

Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

BOLTON (0) 1 (Goodling 62)

LUTON (0) 2 (Stein 68, Aizlewood 80)

Att: 6,911

Bolton: McDonagh 7, Nicholson 6, Bennett 6, McElhinney 6, Jones 6, Gowling 7, Thomas 6, Kidd 7, Hoggan 6, **CANTELLO** 8, Reid 6.

Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, **AIZLEWOOD** 8, Horton 7, Saxby 6, Donaghy 6, Hill 7, Stein 7, White 6, Antic 7, Ingram 6 (sub. Small 6).

Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CAMBRIDGE (2) 3 (Finney 35, 43, Streete 67)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0

Att: 4,385

Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 7, Murray 7, Reilly 7, Fallon 7, O'Neill 7, Streete 7, Spriggs 7, Goldsmith 6, Gibbons 6, **FINNEY** 9.

Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Taylor 6, Green 6, Stancliffe 6, Mullen 6, **TOWNER** 8, Seaman 6, Moore 7, Fern 6, Henson 6.

Referee: B. H. Daniels (Ilford)

Match Rating: ★★★★

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Kitchen 77)

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Mayes 27, 60)

Att: 8,898

Cardiff: Healey 5, Jones 6, Sullivan 5, Grapes 5 (sub. Micallef 5), Pontin 6, Dwyer 6, Lewis 6, **KITCHEN** 7, Stevens 5, Ronson 6, Buchanan 5.

Chelsea: Borota 4, Locke 6, Rofe 5, Viljoen 6, Droy 6 (sub. Driver 8), Pates 6, Walker 6, Bumstead 7, Lee 7, **MAYES** 9, Fillery 8.

Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)

Match Rating: ★★★

Match Facts are continued
on Page 43.

Saturday, Sept. 5 Division One

BIRMINGHAM (2) 4 (Broadhurst 33, Evans 39, Whatmore 73, 86)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (2) 3 (Wallace 1, 45, 75)

Att: 19,035

Birmingham: Wealands 7, Langan 7, Dennis 7, Dillon 7, Broadhurst 7, Todd 7, Brocken 7, **WHATMORE** 8, Evans 7, Gemmill 7, Van Mierlo 7.

Nottingham Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Gray 7, McGovern 7, Aas 7, Burns 7 (sub. Gunn 6),

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FULL NAME: Stephen James Moran.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Croydon/January 10, 1961.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 7 1/2ins/10st 10lbs.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: No.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Student studying for my A levels.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Piggy' because I eat a lot!
WORST EVER INJURY: Broken ankle.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) — sharp, skilful and lethal.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Sheffield Wednesday.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona — absolutely brilliant.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Armfield, Wilson, Ball, Charlton J, Moore, Keegan (all England), Dalglish (Scotland), Greaves, Charlton R (England), Best (N. Ireland), Sub: Madeley (England).

ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Alberto (Brazil), Wilson, Kempes (Argentina), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore, Muller (W. Germany), Eusebio (Portugal), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina).

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Rabat, Casablanca.

BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Nottingham Forest last season when I rounded Peter Shilton.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Team-mate Nick Holmes against Watford in the League Cup last season — he chipped a shot from the half-way line.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kevin Beattie (Ipswich).

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against Spurs last season when I scored two in a 4-4 draw.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT: Scoring just over a minute after coming on as sub against Man. City.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Crystal Palace 3-2 after I'd put us ahead twice.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis and playing Space Invaders.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Crossword puzzles and an evening out with my girlfriend.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Losing, smoking and ignorant people.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: 'Two Ronnies'.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: 'Emmerdale Farm'.

FAVOURITE READING: Horror stories.

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Mike Oldfield and Diana Ross.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken curry — cooked by my girlfriend's mum.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: West Germany.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Gene Hackman and Wendy Craig.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: 'Kramer v Kramer'.

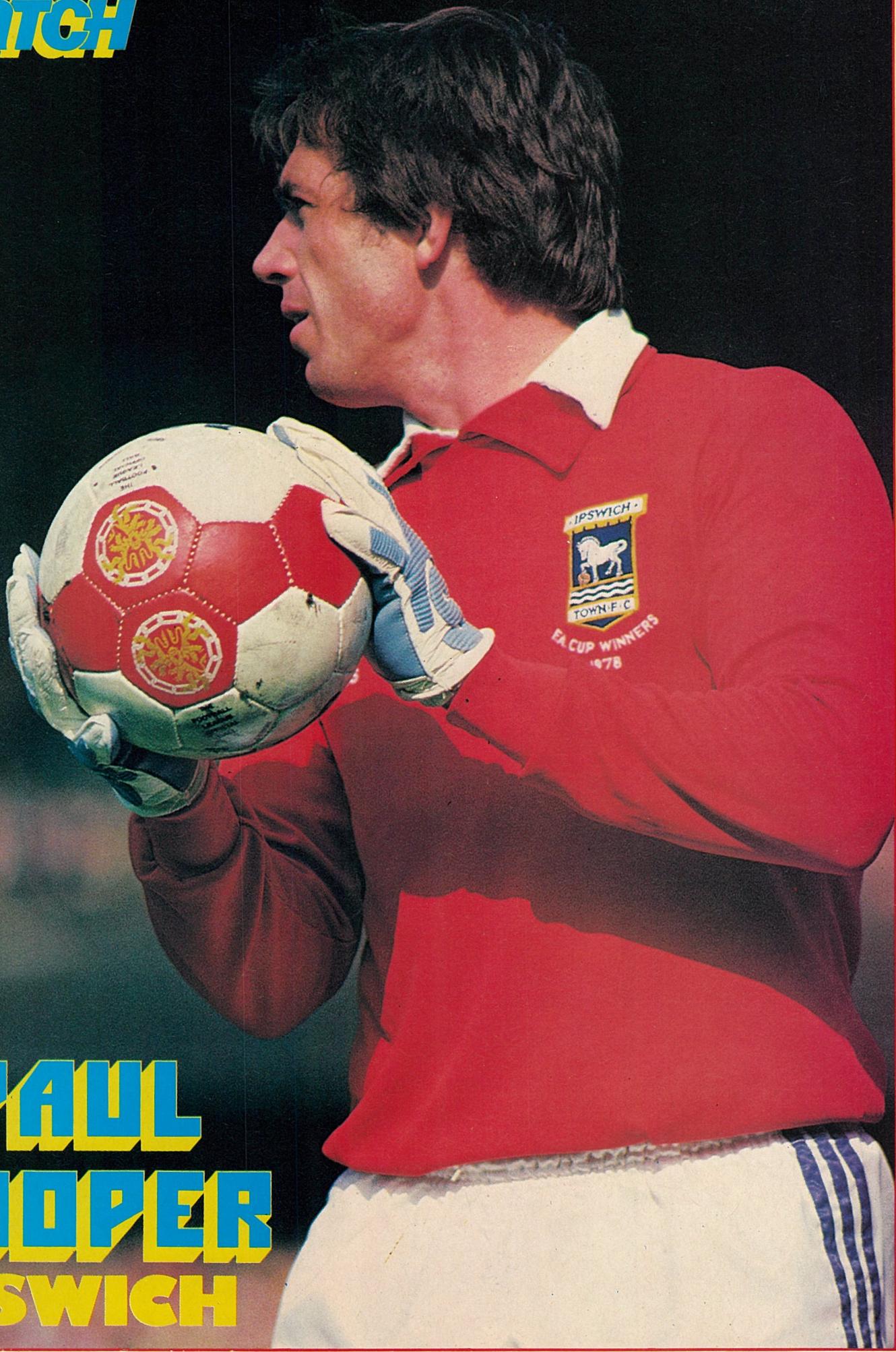
BEST FRIEND: I have many — especially Wayne Pratt, Kerry McDonald, Nick Holmes, John McGrath and Ian Branfoot.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Professional foul and lack of humour.
SUPERSTITIONS: None really, but I do like to go out with a ball.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Ham omelette.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Under 18 schoolboy caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To enjoy life and do all I want to.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To become my club's top scorer regularly and play for England.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Something in the catering trade.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Garry Brooke at Spurs.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The Queen.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Be positive and confident in you're own ability.

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MIKE MAKES DAD SO PROUD

MIKE Baxter, Middlesbrough's new £465,000 centre half, can now ring up his father in Scotland and announced with glowing pride: "I'm playing at Liverpool tomorrow."

It makes a pleasant change for the former Preston defender who used to feel somewhat inadequate when asked by his father: "Where are you playing tomorrow, son?"

"We're at Exeter," used to come the rather sheepish reply.

It was not a matter of belittling tiny Exeter, but you see his father, Bill, spent all his football career in the First Division with Wolves and Aston Villa, and 24-year-old Mike was desperate to follow in his footsteps.

"When I told him that Middlesbrough wanted to sign me, he said: 'Don't hesitate, son. The First Division is the place to be.'

"There had been a lot of paper talk about First Division clubs being interested in me, but as far as I know, Middlesbrough were the first club to move in," says Mike, who joined Preston as an apprentice.

"Some people thought I should have bided my time and waited for one of the really big clubs to move in.

"But there was no guarantee that would happen."

Middlesbrough's new signing Mike Baxter tells Melvyn Beck how he grabbed his chance of First Division football.

"Anyway, Middlesbrough are a First Division club and I was most impressed by the views and ideas of Bobby Murdoch."

"There was just no way I was going to let this chance pass me by. It's every player's ambition to play in the First Division, and one hell of a lot of them never get the chance."

And there's no chance of Mike being worried by the near £1½ million price tag.

"I know it seems a big fee, but that's the way the transfer market is nowadays," says Mike, who has been likened to former Middlesbrough favourite Stuart Boam.

"It's going to seem strange playing at places like Anfield and Old Trafford after spending all my time in the Second and Third Divisions, but I don't think I shall be overawed."

"At this stage I'm simply looking to go out and enjoy myself in the First Division and try to establish myself as a first team player."

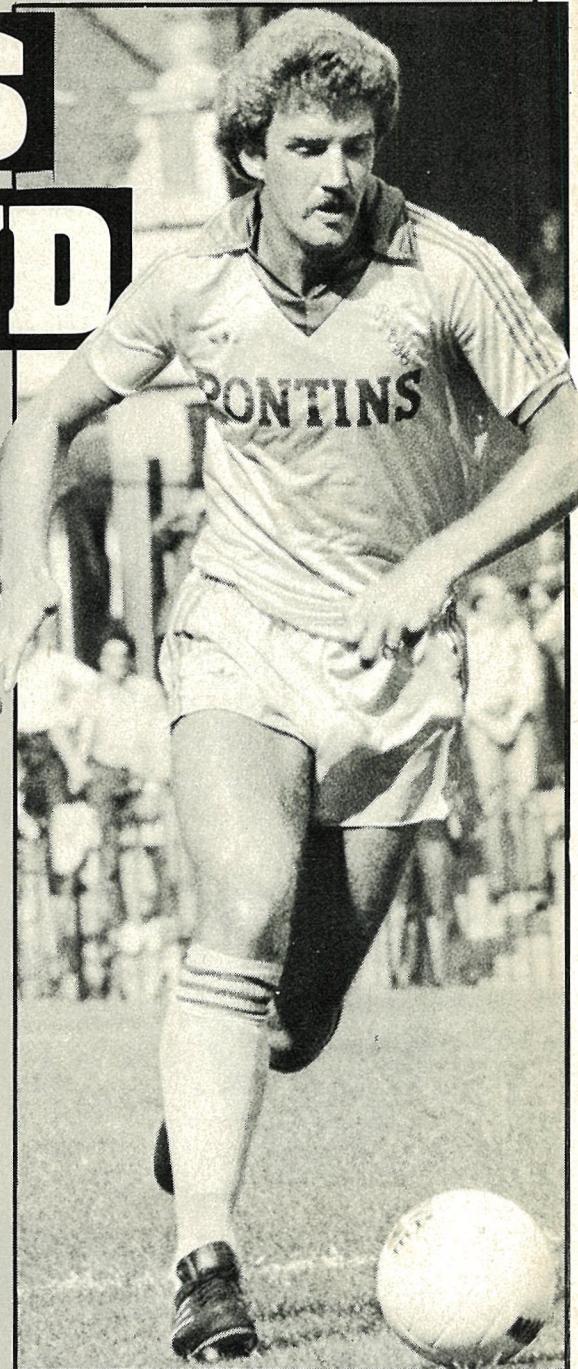
Mike might well have been with one of the glamour clubs now had his brother, Stuart, not been with Preston when they offered him apprentice professional terms.

"Dad was managing East Fife at the time and I received offers from the likes of Manchester United and Chelsea."

"But with my brother being at Preston and knowing the area, I decided to sign for them."

"I've no regrets now, but if I had my time over again, I would have probably gone elsewhere."

He was given his League debut at 17 by manager Bobby Charlton, but it was in the past three or four years that he established himself as one of the top defenders outside the First Division under the management of Nobby Stiles.



Mike Baxter — "There was no way I was going to let a First Division chance pass me by."



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MATCH WINNERS

JEFFREY Broom of St Albans, Herts, is the lucky winner of our Spot the Difference competition which appeared in the August 8 issue of Match and he wins a super football strip in Liverpool colours!

Twenty five runners-up each receive a Match Weekly lapel badge. They are:

Richard Popham, Crediton, Devon; Darren Coats, Aldershot Hants; E. Boyd, Northwood, Middlesex; Shaun Roberts, Cove, Farnborough; Bev Tarplett, Rainham, Essex; Gareth Clift, Abingdon, Oxon; Paul Winfield, Tooting, London; Mark Gordon,

Manchester; Richard Yates, Horsforth, Leeds; S. Cuthbertson, Corby, Northants; Scott Simmons, Romford, Essex; David Annis, Rugby, Lancs; Charles Fletcher, Cleethorpes, South Humberside; Sher Bahadur, Warley, Birmingham; John Millar, Riverside, Stirling. Stephen Paget, Braunstone, Leicester; Olisa Morah, Nazeing, Essex; Jackie Lynam, Salisbury, Wilts; Mark Shorney, Basingstoke, Hants; Steven Bearman, Dunston, Northants; Mark Cliff, Selston, Nottingham; Gregory Whiting, Kettering, Northants; Stephen Lewis, Wandsworth, London; Ray

Avery, Deeping St James, Peterborough; and Martin Halford, Long Eaton, Nottingham.

For those of you who didn't manage to spot the ten mistakes they were: 1 Panels on ball all white; 2 Match advert white instead of black; 3 Player's moustache missing; 4 Letters missing from coach's tracksuit; 5 Number missing from player's tracksuit; 6 Extra ball in play; 7 Groundsman is smoking a pipe; 8 Player has white hair; 9 Drip missing from groundsman's line marker; 10 Extra pool of lime near can.

Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

CHARLTON (1) 2 (McAllister 8, Walsh 75)

BLACKBURN (0) 0

Att: 6,141

Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Harris 6, Smith 6 (sub. Robinson 6), **McALLISTER** 8, Phillips 7, Walker 6, Walsh 7, Hales 6, Lansdowne 6, Ferns 6.

Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Hamilton 7, Rathbone 6, Branagan 6, Keeley 7 (sub. Williamson), Stonehouse 6, Miller 7, Burke 6, Lowey 6, Crawford 6, **ROTHERSTON** 8.

Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)

Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Hamill 62)

WREXHAM (0) 0

Att: 12,905

Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams 7, Gibson 6, Peake 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6, Melrose 6 (sub. McDonald 6), Linacre 6, Wilson 7,

HAMIL 8.

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 6, Dowman 7, **JONES** 8, Davis 6, Cegielski 7, Hill 6, Fox 7, McNeil 6, Edwards 6, Buxton 6 (sub. Hunt), Carrods 6.

Referee: P. J. Richardson (Lincoln)

Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (1) 1 (Jack 42)

BARNESLEY (1) 1 (Parker 26)

Att: 13,677

Norwich: Woods 7, Nightingale 6, Downs 6, McGuire 7, Walford 6, Watson 7, Barham 6, Shepherd 6, Bertschini 7, Paddon 6 (sub. Mendum), **JACK** 8.

Barnsley: Horn 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 7, Glavin 7, **BANKS** 8, McCarthy 6, Evans 7, Parker 6, Aylott 7, McHale 6, Barrowclough 6.

Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)

Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (1) 1 (Taylor, P 10)

GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Ford 22, Kilmore 36)

Att: 3,764

Orient: Day 6, Fisher 6, Roffey 6, Taylor, T 6, Gray 6, Margerrison 6, Godfrey 7, Jennings 7, Moores 6, Bowles 7, **TAYLOR**, P 8.

Grimsby: **BATCH** 8, Stone 6, Crambie 6, Waters 7, Wiggin 6, Moore 6, Brolly 7, Ford 7, Drinkell 7, Mitchell 6, Kilmore 6 (sub. Cummings 6).

Referee: L. Shapter (South Devon)

Match Rating: ★★★

QPR (1) 3 (King 21, Stainrod 54, Roeder 64)

NEWCASTLE (0) 0

Att: 14,176

QPR: Burridge 7, Gregory 6, Fenwick 7, **CURRIE** 9, Hazell 7, Roeder 7, Flanagan 7, Francis 7, Allen 7 (sub. Gillard), King 7, Stainrod 8.

Newcastle: Carr 6, Haddock 6, Davies 6, Trewick 7, Barton 6, Halliday 6, Walker 6, Shoulder 6, Varadi 7, Wharton 6 (sub. Martin), **WADDLE** 8.

Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1 (Bannister 46)

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0

Att: 18,476

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Blackhall 7, Williamson 6, Smith 7, Shirtliff 7, Taylor 6, Megson 7, Mirocic 7, **BANNISTER** 9, McCulloch 7, Curran 7.

Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 7, Dare 6, Price 6, Cannon 7, Gilbert 7, **SMILLIE** 8, Lovell 6 (sub. Hughes 6), Walsh 6, Langley 6, Basin 6.

Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)

Match Rating: ★★★★

SHREWSBURY (1) 4 (Atkins 35, 69, Bates 53, Tong 58)

DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst 48)

Att: 4,373

Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, Leonard 6, Johnson 6, Petts 6, Griffin 6, MacLaren 7, Tong 7, McNally 7, **ATKINS** 8, Biggins 7 (sub. Gibson), Bates 7.

Derby: Jones 6, Coop 6, Richards 6, **POWELL**, S 7, Ramage 6, Spooner 5 (sub. Emson), Emery 6, Reid 5, Hector 5, Swindlehurst 6, Buckley 6.

Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WATFORD (0) 1 (Armstrong 59)

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Palmer 66)

Att: 9,018

Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Pritchett 6, Taylor 6, Sims 6, Bolton 6, Callaghan 7, Blissett 7, **ARMSTRONG** 8, Jackett 6, Poskett 6 (sub. Barnes 7).

Oldham: McDonnell 7, Hoolickin 6, Ryan 6, Keegan 6, Clements 7, **FUTCHER** 8, Wylde 6 (sub. McDonald 6), Atkinson 6, Steel 6, Palmer 7, Heaton 6.

Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 0

Att: 5,350

Brentford: McKellar 8, Tucker 7, Hill 6, Salmon 8, **WHITEHEAD** 9, Hurlock 7, Shrub 7, Roberts 8, Booker 7, Harris 7, Crown 8. Walsall: **GREEN** 9, Macken 7, Caswell 6, Beech 7, Serella 6, Hart 7, Rees 6, Loveridge 8 (sub. Waddington, S 8), Penn 8, Buckley 6, Preece 7.

Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)

Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL CITY (2) 2 (Mabbatt 40, Harford 44)

DONCASTER (0) 2 (Dawson 82, Mell 89)

Att: 6,586

Bristol City: Moller 7, Stevens 6, Merrick 7, Mann 6, Rodgers 5, Marshall 6, Tainton 7, Musker 7, **HARFORD** 8, Mabbatt 7, Devine 6.

Doncaster: Boyd 6, Russell 6, Dawson 7, Snodin 6, Lally 7, Dowd 7, Pugh 6, **HARLE** 8, Warboys 6, Lister 6 (sub. Douglas 6), Mell 6.

Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)

Match Rating: ★★★

BURNLEY (0) 1 (Dobson, pen 78)

PLYMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 4,022

Burnley: Stevenson 6, **LAW** 8, Holt 5, Young 6, Overton 6, Dobson 6, Cavener 6, Taylor 5, Hamilton 6, Cassidy 5, Potts 6. Plymouth: Crudginton 6, Nisbet 6, McCartney 6, Harrison 6 (sub. Phillips 6), **FOSTER** 8, Cooper 6, Hodges 6, Kemp 5, Sims 6, Randall 6, Murphy 5.

Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)

Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (0) 0

SWINDON (0) 0

Att: 1,798

Chester: Millington 7, Needham 5, Raynor 5, Storton 6, Zelem 4, Oakes 4, Jones 5, **SIMPSON** 8, Ludlam 7, Phillips 5 (sub. Howat), Sutcliffe 7.

Swindon: **ALLAN** 8, Henry 5, Williams 5, Hughes 7, Lewis 6, Graham 6, Abbley 5, Emanuel 5, Rowland 6, Rideout 7, Carter 7.

Referee: A. Banks (Manchester)

Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Kowalski 9, Bonnyman 69)

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0

Att: 3,501

Chesterfield: **TURNER** 8, Bellamy 6, O'Neill 6, Wilson 6, Green 7, Ridley 6, Tatt 5 (sub. Windridge 6), Crawford 6, Bonnyman 6, Kowalski 6, Walker 6.

Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Gillies 5, Slatter 6, McCassery 7, Parkin 6, Williams 8, 7, **CURLE** 8, Williams, D 6, Mabbatt 6, Randall 5 (sub. Stephens 6), Cooper 6.

Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)

Match Rating: ★★

EXETER (0) 2 (Hatch 55, Kellow 86)

CARLISLE (0) 1 (Robson 88)

Att: 3,533

Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers, M 7, Roberts, L 7, Davy 7, Cooke 8, **ROBERTS**, P 9, Rogers, P 5, Pratt 7, Kellow 7, Lester 7, Hatch 6.

Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Ashurst 6, Rushbury 6, **COADY** 8 (sub. Hamilton), Houghton 7, Parker 7, Haig 7, Campbell 7, Lee 6, Robson 6, Crabb 7.

Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)

Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Shipley, pen 81)

FULHAM (0) 1 (Beck 47)

Att: 3,934

Lincoln: Felgate 7, Thompson 6, McVay 7, **GILBERT** 8, Creane 6 (sub. Turner 6), Carr 7, Shipley 7, Cockerill 5, Hobson 6, Cunningham 7, Hammack 5.

Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Strong 5, Beck 6, Brown 7, Gale 6, Davies 7, Wilson 6, **CONEY** 8, O'Sullivan 7, Lewington 6.

Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)

Match Rating: ★★★

OXFORD (0) 1 (Foley 64)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0

Att: 3,976

Oxford: **BURTON** 8, Doyle 6, Fogg 5, Jeffrey 5, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Jones 5, Foley 6, Cassells 5, Page 5, Smithers 6.

Huddersfield: Rankin 6, Brown 6, Burke 6, **WILSON** 7, Sutton 5, Hanvey 5, Lillis 5, Kennedy 6, Austin 5, Kindon 6, Cowling 6 (sub. Robins 5).

Referee: R. S. Lewis (Surrey)

Match Rating: ★★★

PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce 41)

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0

Att: 6,112

Preston: Litchfield 7, Coleman 7, Westwell 7, Clark 7, O'Riordan 7, Blackley 7, Houston 7 (sub. Walsh 6), Doyle 7, McGee 8, **BRUCE** 9, Naughton 7.

Portsmouth: **KNIGHT** 9, McLaughlin 6, Viney 6, Kamara 6, Aizlewood 6, Rollings 5 (sub. Tait 6), Gregory 6, Doyle 7, Rafferty 7, Berry 7, Rogers 6.

Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)

Match Rating: ★★★

READING (0) 3 (Beavon 51, Heale 61, Hetzke, pen 80)

GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Lee 69, Price 89)

Att: 3,496

Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 7, Lewis 6, **BEAVON** 8, Wood 7, Hetzke 6, Earle 7, Kearney 6, Heale 6 (sub. Dixon 6), Sanchez 7, Webb 7.

Gillingham: Sutton 7, Young 6, Ford 6, **BRUCE** 8, Weatherly 6, Bowman 6, Powell 5 (sub. Adams), Duncan 7, Tydeman 6, Lee 6, Price 6.

Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Joseph 78)

MILLWALL (1) 3 (Anderson 16, Dibble 79, 90)

Att: 5,102

Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Jones 7, Armstrong 6, Galliers 6, Smith 7, Cunningham 6, Ketteridge 7, Joseph 8, Leslie 7, Cork 7, **DOWNES** 9.

Millwall: Gleasure 8, Roberts 7, Warman 7, Chatterton 8, Tagg 7, Martin 6, Dibble 8, **ANDERSON** 9, Horrix 8, Hayes 7 (sub. Massey 7), West 8.

Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)

Match Rating: ★★★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Joseph 78)

MILLWALL (1) 3 (Anderson 16, Dibble 79, 90)

Att: 5,102

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Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)

Match Rating: ★★★★

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Speedie 41)

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Deakin, pen 63)

Att: 1,872

Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 6, McLean 6, **SMITH** 8, Skipper 6, Ball 6, Hawker 6, Speedie 7, Stalker 6, Hamilton 6, Walsh 6.

Port Vale: Harrison 7, Keenan 6, Deakin 6, Hunter 7, Sproson 6, Bowles 6, Higgins 6, Moss 6, Armstrong 6, Bromage 7, **CHAMBERLAIN** 8.

Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)

Match Rating: ★★

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Davison 55)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 1 (Cook 88)

Att: 1,809

Halifax: Kilner 7, Ward 6, **CARR** 8, Evans 7, Ayre 7, Hendrie 7, Firth 6, Davison 7, Graham 7, Chamberlain 6, McIlwraith 7.

Peterborough: **SMELT** 8, Winters 5, Collins 6, Gynn 7, Slack 6, Rodaway 5, Quow 7, Kellock 5, Cooke 6, Hodgson 5, Clarke 5 (sub. Chard).

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★★

HEREFORD (1) 3 (White 44, 86, Phillips 89)

BURY (0) 0

Att: 2,508

Hereford: **HUGHES** 9, Price 7, Bray 6, Hicks 7, Overton 6, Spirin 6, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 6, Phillips 7, Showers 6, White 8.

Bury: Platt 6, Bradley 7, Kennedy 7, Gore 6, **HILTON**, P 8, Howard 7, Madden 6, Butler 6 (sub. Cruickshank 5), Johnson 7, Jakub 6, Hilton, M 6.

Referee: G. J. Napthine (Loughborough)

Match Rating: ★★★★

HULL (1) 2 (Mutrie 23, Ferguson 62)

BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 76)

Att: 3,916

Hull: Norman 7, Hoolickin 5, **BOOTH** 8, Richards 5, Eccleston 5, Roberts, G 6, Marwood 6, Edwards 6, Deacy 7, Mutrie 7 (sub. Whitehurst 6), Ferguson 7.

Bradford: Smith 6, Podd 7, Watson 5, Ingham 6, Jackson 5, McFarland 6, Gallagher 7, Black 7, Campbell 6, **MCNIVEN** 8, Chapman 7.

Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)

Match Rating: ★★★★

MANSFIELD (0) 0

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Edmunds 67)

Att: 2,950

Mansfield: **ARNOLD** 8, McJannett 6, Wood 5, Bell 5, Boam 6, Bird 5, Thomson 7, Parkinson 4 (sub. Mann 5), Lumby 5, Woodhead 5, Nicholson 5.

Bournemouth: Allen 6, Heffernan 6, Sulley 5, Smith 7, Compton 6, Impay 5, **EDMUND** 8, Dawtrey 6, Mooney 6, Morgan 7, Williams 6.

Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds)

Match Rating: ★★★★

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Martinez 36, Goodwin 89)

HARLEPOOL (1) 1 (Houchen 11)

Att: 1,481

Rochdale: Poole 6, Burke 6, Snookes 6, Dolan 5, Taylor 5, Cooper 6, Hilditch 8, O'Loughlin 6, Esser 6, Wellings 5, **MARTINEZ** 9.

Hartlepool: Burleigh 8, Brown 7, Stimpson 6, Hogan 6, Fagan 6, Liningham 6, Kerr 7, Sweeney 6, Staff 6 (sub. Johnson 6), **HOUCHE** 9, Harding 6.

Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)

Match Rating: ★★★

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Oates 77)

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Noble 72)

Att: 2,200

Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Davy 6, Pilling

Match Facts... Match Facts... Match Facts...

Second Division

MORTON (0) 1 (Cochrane 78)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
Att: 4,000
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, Rooney 6 (sub. Cochrane 7), McLaughlin 6, **★ORR 8**, Houston 7, Busby 7, Thomson 6, Hutchinson 7, Docherty 6.
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Stark 6 (sub. Kirkwood 6), Kopel 7, Phillip 6, Hegarty 7, **★NAREY 8**, Bannon 7, Holt 6, Pettigrew 6 (sub. Milne), Sturrock 6, Dodds 7.
Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
Match Rating: ★★★

RANGERS (1) 2 (Redford 11, Cooper 78)
HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (MacLeod 14, Rae 85)
Att: 23,000
Rangers: McCloy 7, Jardine 6, Dawson 6 (sub. Johnston 6), Stevens 7, **★FORSYTH 9**, Bett 7, Cooper 7, Russell 6, Redford 6 (sub. Miller), MacDonald 8, McLean 8.
Hibs: McArthur 7, Sneddon 6, Flavell 6, McNamera 7, Paterson 7, McLaren 7, **★CALLACHAN 8**, Rae 6, McLeod 6 (sub. Turnbull), Duncan 6, Murray 7.
Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)
Match Rating: ★★★

First Division

AYR (2) 2 (Nicol 74, McAllister 40)
HAMILTON (0) 0
Att: 2,429
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Miller 16, McCormick 87)
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 3 (Caldwell 47, Pelosi 54, Weir 57)
Att: 600
EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Lamont 6)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 (Jenkins 54, 63)
Att: 885

HEARTS (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Robertson 6)
Att: 4,796
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Irvine 83)
QUEENS PARK (0) 0
Att: 1,966
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
DUMBARTON (2) 4 (Coyle 16, Montgomery 37, Blair 76, Brown 80)
Att: 1,500
RAITH (0) 0
FALKIRK (1) 3 (Herd 44, 77, Smith 78)
Att: 1,100

COWDENBEATH (0) 0
CLYDE (3) 4 (Hunter, og 10, Reilly 34, Masterton 35, pen 64)
Att: 435

FORFAR (2) 2 (Hancock 34, Brash, pen 43)
BERWICK (1) 1 (Lawson 28)
Att: 1,141

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Georgeson 89)
BRECHIN (0) 0
Att: 150

MONTROSE (2) 4 (Turnbull 8, pen 84, Johnston 36, Taylor 88)
ALBION (2) 2 (Gillespie 34, Craig 43)
Att: 300

STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 2 (Jack 40, Murray 42)
EAST FIFE (0) 0
Att: 300

STIRLING (0) 0
ALLOA (0) 0
Att: 750

STRANRAER (1) 4 (Neil 17, Armour 49, Devine 63, Sweeney 71)
ARBROATH (0) 0
Att: 630

Premier Division

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COVENTRY'S 'old pals act' gave new manager Dave Sexton his most prized scalp of the season. Dave, who was sacked by United in the close season, saw revenge quickly exacted when his exciting youngsters beat the multi-million pound outfit 2-1 on the opening day with goals from golfing partners Steve Whitton and Peter Bodak.

Match winner Peter admitted: "The manager didn't show his true feelings afterwards, but all the players could tell he was absolutely delighted."

"We were well aware of the hard time he'd had at Old Trafford and we were determined to do our best for him," said Peter.

Converted striker Steve shot Coventry ahead after just 10 minutes when he rounded the United defence and beat keeper

Old pals act for Sexton

Gary Bailey.

But the points clincher came from precocious winger Peter, who re-directed a Gerry Daly shot into the net just after half-time.

The two goalscorers joined Coventry on schoolboy forms at the same time and they've been firm friends ever since.

"We're both golf fanatics so we often play against each other," said Peter.

"The result against United was a great one for us. The players knew exactly how important it was to get an early win under our belts."

McCulloch's Villa-killer

NEWLY-promoted Notts County produced the major shock of the opening day with their 1-0 defeat of reigning champions Aston Villa at Villa Park.

The vital goal came after 24 minutes from the head of former Kilmarnock striker Iain McCulloch who was making his first appearance in Division One.

It came from a right wing corner taken by Paul Hooks, and, according to Iain, it was all planned.

"We had been working hard on set pieces and as soon as the corner swung

over I knew it was going to be mine," he said.

"Usually I hang outside the far post, but on this occasion I could see it was going to drop short so I moved in."

"Des Bremner stopped as I moved and so I had a clear header and managed to set it just inside the post."

"It was a great day for the club to win at the home of the champions, and there's no doubt the First Division is the place to be."

"That atmosphere was absolutely tremendous and I'm really looking forward to the rest of the season."

OPENING

Latchford leaves Leeds gasping

IT was a day of firsts at the Vetch Field as Swansea crushed Leeds 5-1.

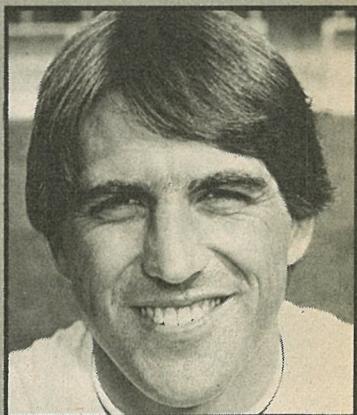
New £150,000 striker Bob Latchford scored the FIRST hat-trick of the season, on his FIRST League appearance for the club in what was their FIRST game in the First Division.

So what a day for the former England striker who has moved down to the Welsh valleys from Everton.

"I was very happy to get on the score sheet in the first game, but it was a great all-round team performance which helped me get the goals," says Bob.

"The chances went into the back of the net which is most important. How they go in doesn't matter," added Bob, who scored his fourth goal of the season as Swansea beat Brighton 2-1 three days later.

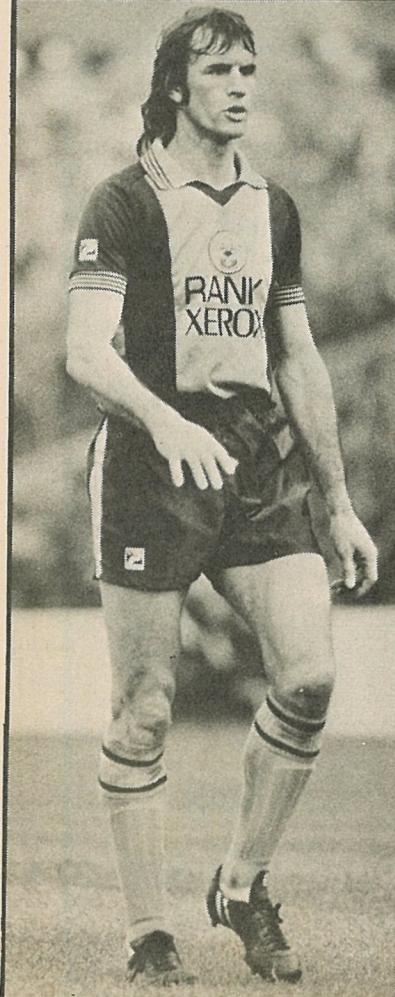
"Swansea have a lot of quality



Bob Latchford of Swansea — hat trick on opening day.

players and we like to play attacking football and entertain the fans."

Talking about his move from Merseyside, Bob adds: "I think I needed a fresh challenge after seven years at Everton and with Swansea having raced from the Fourth to the First Division, the move was ideal for me."



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DAY HEROES

THE new soccer season burst into life on opening day with a series of 'shock' results.

First Division newcomers Swansea thrashed Leeds 5-1 . . . Stoke stole away from Arsenal's Highbury fortress with three points . . . newly-promoted Notts County beat Champions Aston Villa . . . and 'home grown' Coventry humbled multi-million pound Manchester United.

Here we turn the spotlight on some of the men who grabbed the headlines . . .

LEE Chapman's opening day matchwinner against Arsenal made for double celebrations in the Stoke dressing room.

Not only did it earn his side three points — it ended the longest unbeaten home record in the First Division.

Arsenal had not lost a League match at Highbury since January 12, 1980, when they went down 1-0 to Leeds.

But that 29-game sequence came to grief with the new season just 45 minutes old . . .

Hero of the day Lee told Match: "It's always important to get off to a good start and that first result was superb.

"Willie Young had the ball about 30 yards out from the Arsenal goal when Adrian Heath caught him out.

"The ball squirmed off to me and I pushed

Double cheer for Chapman

it through a gap between Willie and David O'Leary.

"I ran on with the ball and although Arsenal keeper Pat Jennings came out to narrow the angle I just managed to squeeze it past him.

"Although that was the only goal of the game we should really have wrapped up the points long before the final whistle, but we missed a couple of chances.

"The manager had got us really sharp for the big kick-off and I think we were the fitter side.

"I'm sure we are going to surprise a few more people this term.

"On the day I think they missed Frank Stapleton. They definitely need a target man because his former partner Alan Sunderland didn't look half the player he can be."

"On a personal note, Lee's just hoping that he can continue to find the net . . .

"I scored 17 goals last season and I'm certainly looking to improve on that — my target is to score between 25 and 30 goals this time around."



Stoke's Lee Chapman (inset) and in action as he flies in against Arsenal's Willie Young at Highbury. Lee's goal ended the 'Gunners' long unbeaten home run.

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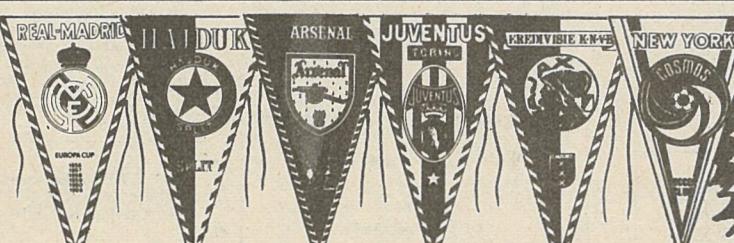
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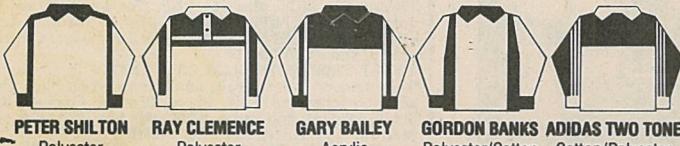


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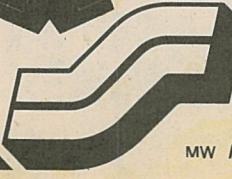
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